# HAPPENING THIS WEEK

#### **SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 9 Thanksgiving Baskets - Collection Continues** 8:15am Worship Service 8:15am Nursery 9:15am Bible Study - Meeting Room 9:30am Worship Service & Livestream Engage High School - High School Room 9:30am 9:30am Radiate Middle School - Gym 9:30am Nursery / Kids Club - Kids Wing 11:00am Worship Service 11:00am Nursery / Kids Club - Kids Wing Bible Study - Meeting Room 11:00am Membership Class - High School Room 12:15-1:30pm 6:30-8:00pm Engage High School Group - Gym - Door 6\* **MONDAY • NOVEMBER 10** 7:00pm Leadership Meeting - Meeting Room - Door 4\* **TUESDAY • NOVEMBER 11** 10:00am-2:00pm Food Pantry Open 5:30pm-7:00pm Food Pantry Open Radiate Middle School - Gym - Door 6\* 6:00pm **WEDNESDAY • NOVEMBER 12** 10:00am-11:45am Senior Bible Study - Meeting Room - Door 4\* 2:00pm Helping Hands - Meeting Room - Door 4\* 6:00pm MomCo Family Meetup - Gym - Door 5\* 7:00pm Worship Team Practice **THURSDAY • NOVEMBER 13**

# **SATURDAY • NOVEMBER 15**

FRIDAY • NOVEMBER 14 - Office Closed

#BTC Evening Outreach - Gym - Door 5\*

#### **SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 16** Thanksgiving Baskets - Collection Ends Today **Giving Tree Begins** 8:15am Worship Service 8:15am Nursery Bible Study - Meeting Room 9:15am

9:30am Worship Service & Livestream 9:30am Engage High School - High School Room

Radiate Middle School - Gym 9:30am

Nursery / Kids Club - Kids Wing 9:30am

11:00am Worship Service

11:00am Nursery / Kids Club - Kids Wing 11:00am Bible Study - Meeting Room

12:15-1:30pm **Membership Class - High School Room** 6:30-8:00pm Engage High School Group - Gym - Door 6\*

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

6:30-7:30pm

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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

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: SEIZE THE DAY Text: Ecclesiastes 5:18-20, 9:7-10

November 9, 2025 Pew Bible: 553 & 555

# Melcome 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.





# **THANKSGIVING BASKETS - COLLECTION**

# **Collecting:**

• Now - November 16 (Ends NEXT SUNDAY)

### **Details:**

- Providing 70 baskets to local families
- Non-perishable item list online
- Monetary donations also needed for perishable items
- Learn more, view the item list, and donate online under EVENTS



# **THANKSGIVING OFFERING**

This year, our Thanksgiving Offering is going towards the Youth Mission Trip 2026. The trip details are still in the planning stages, but here is some basic information:

- Date: June 20 25, 2026
- Location: Tennessee
- Donate online under <u>GIVE</u> or use a Thanksgiving Offering envelope in the Worship Center and drop it in the Offering Box.

# **THANKSGIVING BASKETS - PACKING**

# Packing:

- Sunday, November 23 | After 11 am Service
- Donations can be dropped off through Sunday, November 16. The Redeemer Student Ministry group will count and inventory, then we'll shop for any needed items before Packing Day.
- The church is open Monday Thursday, between 8:30 4:30. Enter at Door #4.



# CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR | SIGN UP

#### **Rehearsal Dates:**

November 30 - After 11 am service
 December 14 - After 11 am service
 December 17 - Evening 7 pm
 December 21 - After 11 am service

# **Performance Dates:**

- December 23 Evening 7 pm
   December 24 Afternoon 3 pm & 5 pm
- November 23 is the last day to sign up
- Learn more online under EVENTS

# **QCD INFORMATION**

A Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD) is a direct transfer from an IRA to a qualified charity, allowing individuals aged 70 <sup>1/2</sup> or older to donate directly without adding to their taxable income. This distribution counts fully toward the required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year, and the amount is excluded from gross income. Redeemer Church is qualified to receive a QCD under a section of the Internal Revenue Code. If you are interested in contributing to Redeemer using a QCD, please contact your investment manager or tax advisor for more information.



# JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM | VOL. SIGN UP

- Sunday, December 7 | 5-7 pm
- Christmas Program performed by our Redeemer Kids
- Food and kids' crafts immediately following the program.
- FREE event; invite friends and family
- Volunteers needed!
- Kids can practice the Program songs on the Journey to Bethlehem webpage
- Learn more & signup online under **EVENTS**



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# GL FOOD BANK | SIGN UP

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

# **#BTC EVENING OUTREACH** | NO SIGN UP

Work on #BTC projects in the Redeemer Gym: November 13 | 6:30 pm

# **HELPING HANDS** | NO SIGN UP

Work on #BTC projects in the Redeemer Gym: November 12 | 2-4 pm

# **FOOD PANTRY GREATEST NEED**

The Food Pantry served **63 families (4,410 meals)** on Tuesday this week. Thank you to everyone who has donated and prayed for the pantry! We couldn't do it without your support and the support of our amazing volunteer team!

#### Our greatest needs this week are:

**Shampoo** (for adults like Suave or VO5)

**Saltine Crackers** 

**Apple Juice** (64 oz containers preferred)

Apple Sauce (plastic bottles – 24 oz preferred)

**Baking Mix** (20 oz boxes preferred)

# **#BETHECHURCH EVENT CALENDAR**

Find sign-ups & learn more online under **Outreach** or on the Redeemer mobile app under sign ups.

Nov 12 - Helping Hands Group

**Nov 13 - Greater Lansing Food Bank** 

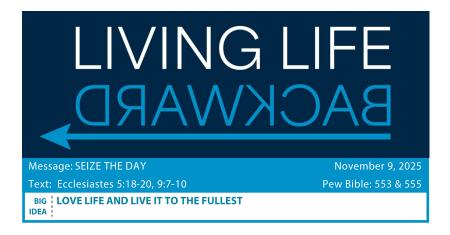
Nov 13 - Evening #BTC event

Nov 14 - Women's Shelter - serve dinner

**Nov 16 -** Thanksgiving Basket collection ends



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.



# **GETTING STARTED**

What is the most physically exhausting job you ever did? For how long?

# **REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. In 5:18-20, what does the Teacher conclude is "good?" Do you agree or disagree?
- 2. Why is it a blessing not to "brood" on the past but to "enjoy" with the heart? What might the Teacher be saying about himself here?
- 3. How much "gladness of heart" do you presently experience in your "labor under the sun" (5:20)? What would help you enjoy your work or your retirement more?
- 4. What actions does the Teacher encourage us to do in 9:7-10? With what attitude?
- 5. What does it mean to be "clothed in white" (9:8)? How does it relate to anointing your head with oil?
- 6. In what ways do you feel you receive the benefits of faith in this life? How does it give you peace or joy?
- 7. What are the prayer requests on your mind and heart today?

**PRAYER:** Lord God, thank you for the many gifts that you have given to us in life. Help us to truly enjoy the people, the work, and the life we have. May we "seize the day" and make the most of every day and every opportunity. Let us not spend too much time on the past or look too far into the future. Thank you for "this day" that we have. In the name of Christ, we pray, Amen.

**GOING DEEPER:** Read Ecclesiastes 2:24-26, 5:18-20, 8:15, 9:7-10, 11:9-10. What similarities and differences do you see in these texts? What is the main theme that the Teacher is weaving through the book? Why does he keep coming back to this premise? What can you learn or apply to your own life today?

"Even so, I have noticed one thing, at least, that is good. It is good for people to eat, drink, and enjoy their work under the sun during the short life God has given them, and to accept their lot in life... So go ahead. Eat your food with joy, and drink your wine with a happy heart, for God approves of this! Always be clothed in white, and anoint your head with oil. Live happily with the woman you love through all the meaningless days of life that God has given you under the sun. The wife God gives you is your reward for all your earthly toil. Whatever you do, do well."

Ecclesiastes 5:18; 9:7-10

# **MY NOTES:**