

THE HAPPENING

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Rev. Nicole Thomas
Pastor

Hello all! I wanted to let you know that God is still working and moving amongst His people, even amidst a pan-

demic. He is using technology to continue to connect the family of God, despite the fact that we are unable to gather in a physical building. Some of the exciting ways that He has worked this past week:

1. Facebook Live and the presentation of



the Word of God. If you have not seen the video on Facebook, as of yet, you may check out



the Redeemer Family page or our church

website, <http://www.redeemer-church.org/>, under teachings, to hear the latest worship service. I have to testify to the fact that this gave me an opportunity to share God's grace, not only with our congregation, but with friends and family that I never expected. Those who don't have an intimate relationship with Jesus, nor would ever enter the

church doors, heard truth from God's Word. Nothing to do with me but the power of God and His desire to draw people unto Himself.

2. Your church leadership is working on a new, creative way to meet as a congregation for the upcoming Easter Celebration (maybe even Palm Sunday if permissible). We will keep you informed about the possible Drive-In Service on April 12, 2020. We will assemble in our cars, in the parking lot of the church building, and praise the Risen Savior, together. We need to work out all the logistics and

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FAMILY PROMISE AT REDEEMER



Amy Dermen
Deacon

Thanks to all who helped make our Family Promise mission a success. I don't want to use names, for fear of leaving someone out, but I will list some of

the things that were done for the families in need. Not just done, but done in love. Fresh made cinnamon rolls, homemade meatloaf, special pastries, trips to the store, hospitality, meaningful conversation, pur-

chasing bedding, organizing, laundry, playing games, blowing up the basketballs, fixing the basketball hoop motor, moving mattresses in, making the beds, moving mattresses out, cleaning the bathrooms, cleaning the kitchen, making the coffee,



entertaining the baby, and prayers. In all of these ways, they will know we are Christians by our love.

My Personal Testimony: About 6 months ago after one of Pastor Nicole's sermons, I felt God's urge to fast my habit of getting my nails done at the salon. For those that know me, ever since I was a little girl, I have enjoyed doing my nails and having my nails done for me. I liken it to someone washing my feet for me. Living in a house of all boys, I saw this "need" to get my nails done as

healthy self-care and had talked myself into believing it was necessary.

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Nicole's Notes cont.

ascertain the feasibility of this. Please be in prayer about the option and if anyone has any concerns or suggestions, let me know!

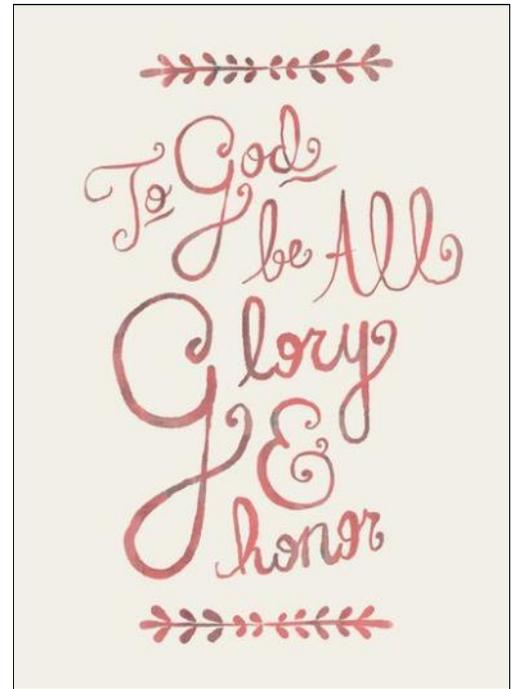
- 3. We utilized Facetime to meet as a Ladies Bible Study Group. Inspired by Bad Girls of the Bible, we discussed Michal, David, Saul and worship. God used this time to bless me and to also allow us to see one another's faces amidst this time of quarantine.
- 4. Facetime was once again used for the time with the Tweens



and Confirmation. Keep these young people in your prayers, as they continue to search the Scriptures. Whether they realize it or not, God is speaking to and through them. All Glory Be to God!

Know that you are loved, missed and prayed for by your pastor and church leadership! Until we meet again, may the Lord bless you and keep you. May He make his face shine upon you and give you peace 😊!

Pastor Nicole



COVENANT MOUNTAIN MISSION BIBLE CAMP BY AL SCHUMM

We had a safe trip to the camp the weekend of March 22-23. Kent Hoes, Jackson Hayes and I went down Saturday morning. We left at 6:00 am and arrived about noon. Traffic was light and scenery was awesome. The area there is a little more green than it is here. We only stopped for gas and ate all of our meals at camp. No Sonny's BBQ this trip.

We took a trailer to haul the new Nurse's station that Kent built for



the camp. We also had about 500 pounds of meat and cheese for camp this summer. Tammy just

lights up as we start carrying in the meat and the freezers start to fill.

They have waited about a year for the Nurse's station. We had to get drawings and measurements for the design. In a trip in December we finalized the plan and felt our design was ready to build. Kent did a super job but we couldn't get it in the van.

So we rented a trailer and the nurse is ready to go.

The splash pad is progressing well. If they can have a group, opening day is scheduled for May 30. It looks like a lot of FUN. The photo is the architect's drawing of the pad. All of the underground plumbing is in and they are real close to pouring concrete. Two local gentlemen that work construction have been a great help. Their company has donated equipment and they have donated many hours. They realize the ministry that the camp has in their community.



"A lot of our time was spent discussing the camps future schedule. They start to put out flyers and advertisement for camp and volunteers about this time of year. They are praying for direction of what to do with the current virus situation. We can pray with them for direction in scheduling. There are a lot of factors to consider."



God has truly placed two great people in Jonesville to do his ministry. They send their love for Redeemer and a HUGH thank you for our church's generosity.

Kent, Jackson and Al

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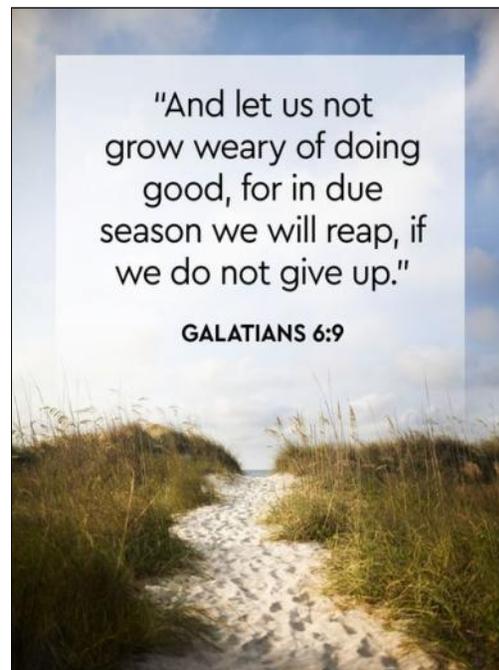
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Once the thought of fasting my nails filled my spirit, I started seeing the salon as full of chemicals and a wasteful expense. I wanted to have extra money on me in case Serve City needed a meal. Almost any other household expense would be more worth while than my nails. God had given me good and healthy nails and I was nearly ruining them with my monthly habit.

On Thursday night at Family Promise, to my surprise, one of the teen girls insisted on doing my nails. I had brought my nail kit to do her nails, but she insisted on doing

mine. Her mother was also encouraging her to use her new nail kit on me. I didn't realize it at the time, but I believe I was being thanked for my contribution to Family Promise. The paint and the color weren't the reward, but the caring physical touch and conversation and Christ like service.

I felt God's presence many times during our week with Family Promise and am grateful for all of the support and encouragement. I ask that you prayerfully consider how you'd like to serve this mission again May 17-23.

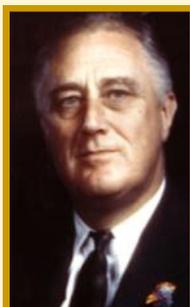


Pastor Nicole delivers the March 22nd message via Facebook.

➔ Not on Facebook? Link to video messages here:

<http://redeemer-church.org/sermons.html>

... O Lord, give us faith. Give us faith in Thee; faith in our sons; faith in each other; faith in our united crusade. Let not the keenness of our spirit ever be dulled. Let not the impacts of temporary events, of temporal matters of but fleeting moment -- let not these deter us in our unconquerable purpose...



Thy will be done, Almighty God.

Amen.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt - June 6, 1944

FROM A MEMBER

"And the people stayed home.

And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

"And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

"And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed."

- Kitty O'Meara

Jehoshaphat's Prayer
(fourth king of Judah)

We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you.

~ 2 Chronicles 20:12b (NIV)

GIVING

Although there are no in-church worship services and meetings, the cost of maintaining the church building and funding ministries continue. You can still worship by giving your tithes and offerings. You can designate either one-time or recurring, using checking or credit card. Go to church website giving page: <http://redeemer-church.org/give.html>



There are several benefits to online giving:

- **Simplicity** – You can make your donation from anywhere, even when you are out of town.
- **Security** – Online giving is more secure than giving with a check in that an electronic gift can't be lost or stolen.
- **Convenience** – You can setup automatic, recurring donations.
- **No Distractions** – Instead of needing to worry about writing your contribution check during the service, you can be fully engaged with the worship service, knowing that you have already given your offering.

Q: Is it safe to give online?

Yes. In many ways giving online is safer than writing a check because an electronic gift cannot be lost or stolen.

Q: What types of accounts can I give from?

You can give online from your checking or savings account, Visa, Visa Debit Card, MasterCard, MasterCard Debit Card, Discover Card, or American Express Card.

Q: Can I set up scheduled giving?

Yes. You can make a one-time

gift immediately or at a future date. Or you can schedule recurring gifts weekly, biweekly, monthly, semi-monthly, or quarterly to be completed on the day of the month you choose. Your recurring gifts will continue until you cancel them, or you can choose a specific date to end. You may login to your account and make changes at any time.

Q: Can I designate how my donation is to be used?

Yes. In the transaction menu, enter your gift amounts in the Current Fund, Missions Fund and/or Building Fund fields. Or to name a specific use, under "Special Giving Opportunities", simply type in the designated use and the amount.

Q: What if I try it and don't like it?

You can cancel your automatic deductions anytime via your member profile.

Q: What if I change bank accounts, or get a new credit or debit card?

Update the information from your Main Menu under the section View/Edit Member profile and transaction schedules. You have the ability to change your personal information, payment

information and edit any giving schedules. Do not create a new account; always edit your existing account.

Q: Exactly where does my donation go?

Your donation goes directly to the church's bank account and a notification is sent to the church office of your donation.

Q: Are there any fees involved with giving online?

Not to you. You will not pay any fees with an online donation. The church pays nominal transaction fees. Credit and Debit cards involve a higher fee than savings or checking account transfers. Because of this, you may choose to give using your bank account to save additional costs to the church.

Q: When will my donation be processed?

If your donation is scheduled on a Sunday, your donation will not be processed until the following business day. Credit or debit cards will take approximately 2 business days to initiate and clear. Bank transactions take 4 business days to initiate and clear. You will receive an email when the donation is initiated

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and another email when the process is complete.

Q: How will E-Giving appear on my bank or credit/debit account statement?

All transactions will appear as E-Giving

Q: Without a canceled check, how can I prove I made my contribution?

You have the option of printing or saving either the payment acknowledgement page, or the emailed acknowledgements. The church also has proof of your do-

nation. Any of these can prove your contribution.

Q: Can anyone who works at the church see my bank or credit/debit account numbers?

No. No one at the church has access to your account/credit/debit card numbers.

Q: Will I still receive regular contribution statements from the church?

Yes. The church will continue to have year-end contribution statements available for pick up in the church lobby for tax pur-

poses. Additionally, your year-to-date giving and last year's giving will show on the main menu of your account and you can access a summary of past giving. You may print out a statement for all transactions that were made online using the time period you designate. This can be used for tax purposes. The statement will include only gifts made online.



Anagrams

Anagrammed last names of people in leadership roles at Redeemer.

(* Both the first and last name are anagrammed)

Anagrams

all mint
ash mot
been changer
belg hunker
bitty hall*
boy elm
he list
her morals*
hind scald*
his lcd
hr kat rub
keen shot*
lake yo
lot ray
male mgr
me nerd
miss org
Ms much
nc taller
rim wet
term wines
timer wand
uni vale

Solutions

Van Lieu	uni vale
Dan Wittmer	timer wand
Newmister	term wines
Witmer	rim wet
Canrell	nc taller
Schumm	Ms much
Grisson	miss org
Dermen	me nerd
Gammel	male mgr
Taylor	lot ray
Oakley	lake yo
Kent Hoes	keen shot
Burkhart	hr kat rub
Childs	his lcd
Dan Childs	hind scald
Sam Lohrer	her morals
Stiehl	he list
Mobley	boy elm
Bill Hyatt	bitty hall
Khulenberg	belg hunker
Genenbacher	been changer
Thomas	ash mot
Tillman	all mint



Happy Birthday

Clyde Burkhart April 7
 David Chalk April 11
 Seth Mobley April 16
 Monica Mobley April 18
 Denise Barger April 22

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