

# Elder Update

## Redemption Bible Chapel London

### Q1 2023

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."* – Lamentations 3:22-23

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### GENERAL MINISTRY UPDATE

- Happy New Year Redemption! Join us in thanking God for His faithfulness as we look back on 2022 and ahead to what He has in store for 2023.
- We began preaching through 1 and 2 Timothy in the fall and are on schedule to finish these books by the end of May or early June.
- We also have our Men's Free Indeed conference coming up February 3-4. This is a highlight every year and we have seen God do miraculous work in the hearts of men at this conference. We will be simulcasting the main sessions from Oakville, with our own live worship and workshops. Register now at [rbclondon.ca/freeindeed](http://rbclondon.ca/freeindeed)
- Easter will be here before we know it, and our team has already started making plans. We will have two services on Good Friday (April 7), and our two regular services on Easter Sunday (April 9).

### FACILITY UPDATE

- We knew the work on our new vestibule would extend into the spring, but some things are still getting done. The following will be done sometime between now and late spring:
  - Steel frame installed
  - Poured cement floor and in floor grates to trap snow and water
  - Windows and new doors (two sets of double doors)
  - Roof

- Rubber membrane on roof
- Heating system
- Siding around top
- In the meantime, we are very thankful for Big Top Tents (bigtoptents.ca) for lending us our temporary vestibule as this helps keep the weather out of our lobby and makes a nicer entrance.
- In the new year, we will also be moving our Welcome area – renamed to “Info Spot” – to our new lobby downstairs. We hope this will allow us to better connect with first-time guests.

## **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

- We, like many other churches, had our challenges in 2022, but we are very grateful to God for the many things He continues to do.
- We have seen so many new people coming to our church and join our existing people in faithfully supporting the ministry, which is exciting.
- By God's provision, through your faithful and generous donations, we were able to finish the year with meeting our budgeted donations. While we still have some expenses coming in for 2022, it's looking like we will be able to cover all our operating expenses from our General fund donations – praise God!
- Inflation soared in 2022, and there has been pressure on jobs, uncertainty in the markets, housing going crazy, and a financial recession happening. Through all of this, God continues to provide, for which we thank Him and are encouraged by your generosity.
- Aware that we are in a difficult season financially in our country and province and seeing its press on our finances, we decided it would be prudent to seek to reduce our 2023 budget. So, we are bringing in our new 2023 budget with a reduction of 3.5% from our 2022 budget.
- At a member's meeting in January, we will present our 2023 budget. Our annual audit will be commencing soon, and we will have audited 2022 financial statements available for our Annual General Meeting (members only) in June.

- Not only were Redemption givers very generous to our general fund this Christmas season, but we also saw a wonderful response to our special Christmas offering. Every year we collect a Christmas offering to give to other ministries, outside our church, as we think this reflects the heart of Christ, to be generous to other gospel ministries. We are thrilled to announce that just over \$35,000 was donated this year to our Christmas offering and our elders discerned God's leading that all of this (as we announced before Christmas) would go to the GCC Doxa Eglise Biblique (Doxa Bible Church, [eglisedoxa.ca](http://eglisedoxa.ca)) church plant in Brossard Quebec, which is a suburb of Montreal. We will be sending them this money in the next few weeks, praying it will both bless and encourage their work in the gospel in the wonderful city of Brossard.
- Your 2022 donation receipts will be available in the coming weeks. Watch your email for a notification when it is ready to download.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

We are in the process of reviewing and revamping membership at Redemption. We want to increase the emphasis given to this, as we think membership is both Biblical and beneficial to our congregation and ministry. We will be implementing a number of new efforts related to membership in 2023 and are excited to welcome the following individuals into membership in the last quarter of 2022:

- Tara Attrill
- Vonne Harlette Valeroso
- Helena Morgan
- Cathy Carrier
- Kirsty Ng
- Don Klassen
- Sharon Enwright
- Dan Charbonneau
- Susan Nelson

- Mike Nelson
- Lauren Wiebe
- Camilo Uriza