

Elder Update

Redemption Bible Chapel London

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"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice." – Philippians 4:4

GENERAL MINISTRY UPDATE

- As we look at Spring at Redemption, we are approaching the homestretch of our study of the book of Revelation. Our plan is to wrap up this study by the end of June.
- This study, we know, has had a range of impacts across our church. For some, it has brought clarity to what was previously an intimidating and confusing book. For others, perhaps it has brought confusion and a bit of angst, if the way our elders approach this book is different from how you do, or what you were expecting. However, our hope and prayer is that for all, it has been an encouraging study, as the old gospel song says, "I've read the back of the book, and we win!"
- Just a reminder, if you missed it, or would like a refresher on why we are approaching the book the way we are, we would encourage you to 1) Subscribe to our Redemption Reflections Monday email, if you haven't already, and 2) Read the Redemption Reflections from the Fall when we laid out our principles for this study.
 - Redemption Reflections – September 29
 - Redemption Reflections – October 6
 - Redemption Reflections – October 13
- You can also listen here to our first three sermons, laying a foundation, before we jumped into chapter one of Revelation.
- Easter is just around the corner, and often, this is when people who haven't accepted the gospel will visit a church. Please be praying for those who may be visiting with us Easter weekend, and if you know someone who has been on your mind to invite, be praying for them – and take a step of faith and invite them!
- **Our Good Friday services** will be at Centennial Hall, as we are joining with several other London-area gospel churches. Services will be at 9:00am and 11:00am. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

- **On Easter Sunday**, April 5, join us back at Redemption at **8:00am, 10:00am, or 12:00pm** (identical services) as we celebrate our resurrected King. If you are a regular at Redemption, we would ask you to help us make room for our visitors and consider attending either the 8:00am or the 12:00pm service.
- We are praising God for a fantastic Men's conference early in February. Free Indeed London sold out with 650 men in attendance. God worked powerfully through the main sessions, workshops, worship, and fellowship. Many men sensed a call to ministry, which is very exciting to see, and falls right in line with our emphasis on multiplication. Even if you don't know any of the men who sensed this call, please be praying for them as they discern next steps – God knows who they are! The audio recordings of the main sessions and workshops (including workshops offered at Hope Oakville) are available here. Mark your calendar for Free Indeed 2027 – February 5-6, 2027.
- Another great men's conference to consider is coming up May 22-24 (Friday to Sunday). This one is held at MBC, right in the heart of Muskoka, and the teacher for the weekend will be our very own Scott Vanderform. You can get more information and register here. Ask some friends to join you and hundreds of other men at this spring conference. We believe it will be well worth your time and financial investment.
- Redemption Women, our annual Women's Conference, Radiant, is coming up in just a couple months, on June 5-6. Tickets go on sale on April 1, so be sure to get yours.
- While we are on the topic of conferences, if you are a young adult, aged 18-29, check out The Nations Conference in Oakville on May 8-9. This is a new conference for our association, and we think it will be well worth the investment. If you are familiar with the widely popular Cross Con Young Adult conference held in the US, this is our own Canadian version of that conference. If you're in this age group, we'd strongly urge you to consider attending.

MULTIPLICATION FOCUS

- Redemption's emphasis on **multiplying disciples, multiplying leaders, and multiplying churches** is here to stay! How are you part of this mission?
- For some, this may mean a greater commitment to being disciplined – not just on Sundays, but through your week as well, living out your faith, and being a light in a dark world.

- For others, you may be sensing a call to greater involvement and leadership – whether in our church, or another church. We encourage you, as we have many times in the past year, to talk to one of our leaders. The needs are great – we need more small group leaders, more shepherds, and more men and women in full-time ministry.
- If you are sensing a call to one of the two churches we are helping with revitalization, why not take a Sunday to visit – even if just to provide encouragement? Check out Forest City (ca) or Knollwood (knollwood.ca).

NEW MINISTRY

- We are excited about the launch of our new Accessibility Ministry. This ministry serves men and women with intellectual disabilities by providing discipleship, intentional fellowship, and resources that are rooted in Christ and His Word.
- Our Accessibility Ministry will launch on April 8, meeting on Wednesday mornings from 10:00am to 12:00pm. If you have a heart for this demographic and are available to serve, contact Brooke at bbunch@rbclondon.ca
- If you know someone who might be interested in this ministry, please spread the word. There is a huge opportunity in this city to be the light of Christ to those who may feel excluded.
- Please be praying for this new ministry as it kicks off this spring.

STAFF UPDATE

- With the launch of our Accessibility Ministry comes a role change on staff. Brooke Bunch, who was on staff as an Administrative Assistant, will be leading the Accessibility Ministry, and we are excited to support her in this new endeavor as she changes roles.
- Claire Guznova will be stepping into Brooke's Administrative Assistant role effective May 4th.
- Claire and her husband, Ruslan, have been attending Redemption for about eight years. Many at Redemption know Ruslan as he often will lead worship on Sunday mornings. Claire serves in our Kids Ministry, and she and Ruslan are also small group leaders. Claire and Ruslan have three daughters, and they are very excited for Claire to be moving into this new role. Welcome to our staff team, Claire!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

- We are very thankful for the Lord's continued faithfulness, and for the generosity of our people.
- We were able to end 2025 with donations covering our actual expenses, as well as a surplus, which, praise God, has allowed us to set some funds aside for important multiplication initiatives coming this year which will require additional funds.
- So far, 2026 has been off to a bit of a slow start, but that is normal for the first quarter of the year. If you are not already giving regularly, visit our website here to the various ways you can donate, and how you can make this a part of your "Give time".
- We would ask, if you are able, to be regular and generous with your donations to the Lord through Redemption. There is much wonderful ministry the Lord has called us to, both within our church, but also outside our local assembly. The ability to step into both of these is vital to seek to be faithful to what He has called us to and to see the kingdom of God advance in this city and beyond.
- Thank you to our church body for your very generous giving to our Benevolence Fund, which we collected for a week in March. We were able to raise over \$19,000 to help provide some practical help to those going through a difficult season.
- Later this spring, you will also have an opportunity to be part of what God is doing with the church plant in Romania. We will be sending a team this summer to run a youth and then a Kids Camp in Sibiu, Romania for our partner church, Deo Gloria, as well as continuing to build on our partnership by time together. We will be opening a designated fund for you to help contribute to this trip. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals were accepted into membership this past quarter:

- Randall Schut
- Daniel Aguilar
- Stephanie Ciccarelli
- Thiago Raposo
- Barbara Raposo

- Phillip Zekveld
- Johanna Pulido