

Elder Update

Redemption Bible Chapel London

Q2 2024

"He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." – Luke 24:6-7

GENERAL MINISTRY UPDATE

- Spring at Redemption is such a wonderful season – ministries are all busy, our Women's Radiant conference is coming up, and most importantly, we get to celebrate Easter.
- We are so thankful to God for how He is obviously at work in our church. Our Sunday service attendance continues to be on the rise, which means people are hearing the Gospel and the Word is going out. Praise God!
- Our attendance over all three services on Easter Sunday (including kids) was 1724.
- A number of people have expressed a desire to be baptized, so we are planning **two** baptism services this spring. Please pray for those who are writing their testimonies and preparing to be baptized.
- With our Sunday attendance increasing, and these special services coming (when we typically have a lot of guests), please remember to arrive on time, and be gracious with our ushers as they try to seat everyone.
- We will be taking a pause on our Genesis series through the summer but look forward to picking it back up in September.
- Our small groups will be wrapping up in the coming weeks for the summer, so if you are looking to join a small group, you may need to wait until September.
- Please mark your calendar for Sunday June 23, when we will be having our Annual General Meeting. All are welcome – watch the e-bulletin for more details in the coming weeks.

FACILITY UPDATE

- We are in the process of wrapping up things with the city for our renovations. We continue to thank God for enabling us to transform our lower level to have such a wonderful space for fellowship.
- The biggest need in our building at this time is classroom space. Our Kids Ministry is maxing out on Sundays, and having to turn families away.
- We are looking at plans to make the gym a more usable space on Sunday. This is **very preliminary**, but the goal is to make that space usable for classrooms, both for Kids Ministry, and to possibly hold other classes during second service on Sundays. Watch for more details as we figure out a plan.
- We previously communicated the plan to have a Men's multi-use washroom on our second floor. The space we were looking to use is not large enough, so we have had to put a pause on this project for the time being.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

- We are currently a little behind budget for our year-to-date general donations. While it is normal for us to be behind this time of year, we would encourage you all to give generously and regularly. We would love to see a surplus, so we can be generous with ministries outside of our own, seeking to better advance the kingdom of God.
- The bulk of our work for our 2023 financial audit will be happening in April. Financial statements will be sent to our members prior to the AGM.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

Radiant Women's Conference

- Our annual Women's Conference, Radiant, is coming up on June 7-8, and tickets are now available!

- The main event is held in Oakville, but we will be hosting the conference here in London as well. Main sessions will be livestreamed from Oakville, with our own live worship.
- This year, there are three main session speakers – Andrea Thom, Lydia Brownback, and Sarah Dobrenski.
- Women, this conference is a wonderful opportunity to take time out of the busyness of life and focus on your relationship with Christ, and with other women at Redemption. We would strongly encourage you to come to this conference and bring a friend. You will leave encouraged in your walk with the Lord, and with deeper friendships.
- Visit www.rbclondon.ca/women for more information and to register.

Redemption Marriage Conference

- We are excited to announce that Redemption will be hosting a marriage conference this fall on September 27-28, with Dave Harvey.
- Dave has written several marriage books, including “When Sinners Say I Do” and “I Still Do”.
- Dave is also the president of the church association we are a part of – the Great Commission Collective (gccollective.org).
- Dave will be here, in person, and we expect this conference will sell out. Mark your calendar now and watch for details in the coming weeks.