

Elder Update

Redemption Bible Chapel London

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"Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love." Ephesians 4:15-16

GENERAL MINISTRY UPDATE

- It has been a wonderful spring and summer at Redemption, and we have continued to see God at work – growing disciples, for His glory.
- We praise God for a wonderful joint Good Friday service with other gospel churches in London. We had about 2000 attend over two services, and it was a wonderful, encouraging time together jointly remembering the sacrifice God made, through Christ, so that we would have life and hope. This was a wonderful time together – a little taste of heaven! There are already discussions underway about the possibility of doing this again next year.
- We had a wonderful Radiant Women's conference in June, with over 300 women attending in London. Praise God for the opportunity to join with other GCC churches for this wonderful event.
- In June, we wrapped up our two-year study through the book of Genesis. We thank God for the wonderful reminder of His sovereign plan, and the application of this wonderful book to our daily lives.

Preaching Ministry

- Over the summer, God worked through our Lament series, teaching us about what biblical lament looks like – turning to God, bringing our questions, asking boldly, and choosing to trust Him.
- This fall, after a 2-3 week reminder of our mission as a church to multiply disciples, leaders, and churches, we will be studying the book of Revelation in our Sunday services for the 2025-2026 ministry year.

- The book of Revelation will be taught as it is written, with a focus on John's purpose for writing this book, which has a greater focus looking back than forward. We will not be seeking to connect the text to current events or news headlines but will seek to keep the same focus that John does – living today in light of what is to come.
- Our Elders are discussing holding a couple special evenings for anyone who would like to dive deeper into the book of Revelation, and the different approaches to interpreting it.

Discipleship Ministries

- We mentioned in our last update that this fall, the teaching in our discipleship ministries will have a focus on Soul Care.
- In 2020, we introduced Biblical Counselling to our church, and since then, God has been growing this ministry, and we now have 11 certified Biblical Counsellors, with 7 more in process.
- We have counselled (from just a few sessions, to as many as 20+ sessions) close to 200 Redemption people, as well as a few from outside our church. We currently have 29 active counselees, with another 11 on our waiting list.
- We are very thankful to God for this new ministry and the impact it is having in our church, and the next step is to develop a Soul Care Ministry in our church, which integrates Biblical discipleship into the ministries of our church (specifically, Young Adults, Mixed Small Groups, Women's, Men's, Language groups, and Youth). This means that during normal interactions, people can better apply the Word to all problems of life.
- A sample list of the topics to be covered in this fall series include:
 - Sovereignty of God and the sufficiency of scripture
 - Make up of mankind – who and what we are
 - The staircase of the heart, the goal in counselling: Redemption vs. relief
 - How to glorify God during suffering and trials
 - Dealing with pride, seeking humility

- Idols of the heart, such as fear of man, etc.
- Anger and self-pity
- True biblical repentance and guilt
- Biblical and transformational forgiveness
- What is normal vs. abnormal – who are we and how we should see our problems

Multiplication Focus

- GCC senior leadership (Dave Harvey and the US and Canadian boards) have rolled out a re-emphasis on multiplication.
- Norm attended training in Kansas City in January 2025 and was part of training the GCC Canadian pastors this spring. Our elders spent a day in April going through the material, as well as the staff this past May.
- Our goal is that all our ministries will have an increased focus on multiplication: **Multiplying disciples, multiplying leaders, and multiplying churches**. This is not anything new but is simply a recommitment to the Great Commission.
- The primary way to ensure our health and effectiveness as a church and to our call is to be committed to the Biblical principle of multiplication.
- Practically speaking, this means you will notice an increased intentionality in discipleship in all our ministries (multiplying disciples). It also means an increased commitment to internships and apprentices in all our groups (multiplying leaders).
- In terms of multiplying churches, we are currently focused on two church revitalizations, Forest City Bible Church (fcbchurch.ca), and Knollwood Baptist Church (Knollwood.ca).
- Our elders have asked our people to consider a move to one of these two faithful and Biblical churches, to plug in and serve, and help advance the kingdom of Christ.

Financial Update

- Our 2024 Audit was completed in June, and the results and financial statements were presented at our Annual General Meeting on June 22.

- Praise God, he has continued to provide, and we were able to meet all our financial obligations in 2024 and support all our ministry needs, with no significant issues raised by our auditors.
- Our giving is currently running very close to budget, which we praise God for.
- We would encourage all our people to continue putting God first in all areas, including with your finances. There is much more ministry that could be done at Redemption and outside Redemption, for the larger kingdom.

TECH UPDATES

- We've introduced some exciting new tech features this fall. Our hope is that these new initiatives will help us to better know and care for our people, in an effective and efficient manner.
- First, we have introduced "tap" this fall. There are small circular discs on the backs of chairs in the Worship Centre, where attendees can tap their phone and check in to the service, update their information, register for events, give, read the e-bulletin, and more!
- This is not a QR code (so you don't need your camera open) but uses Near Field Communication (NFC) technology to read data from an NFC enabled device. For this to work on your device, if you have an Android phone, you will need to enable your NFC reader (Apple phones come with this enabled by default).
- We are asking our people to check in to the service or fill in their information if new. This will help us to know who you are and serve you as part of our church (so we know who is part of our church!).
- Another new feature we are currently rolling out is a new translation tool, which will enable us to have live translation not only in our services, but at all our functions. We currently have over 30 language groups represented in our church, so it is our hope and prayer that this will better serve all the various languages spoken.
- This translation tool, called "Kaleo AI", translates on the fly to any one of up to 150 languages. Translation will be available both in text and audio. This is a very easy to use web-based service.

- Our hope is that by having all events able to have live translation for up to 150 languages, this will unify our church while welcoming the diversity of language.
- Finally, this fall we rolled out our new weekly communication, “Redemption Reflections”. The purpose of this communication is to provide a follow up to our Sunday sermon, with additional information, resources, a daily devotional related to the sermon, and the worship playlist. Our prayer is that this would be a helpful reminder to our people to live out what they are learning throughout the week.
- You can subscribe to our Redemption Reflections communication [here](#).
NOTE: This is separate from our weekly e-bulletin, so if you want to receive one and not the other, you can do that. However, we would strongly recommend you subscribe to both, as our weekly bulletin contains updates on things going on around Redemption. You can subscribe to the weekly e-bulletin [here](#).