



REDEEMER  
PRESBYTERIAN

**State of the Church  
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# Who Are We?

## What Are our Values and Prayers?

**We are on a mission to make disciples who live devoted to the glory of God for the good of others.**

This mission includes: **Being a *Hospital* for the broken, a *Rehabilitation Center* for healing, and a *Gym* for strength and service.**

### **As a hospital for the broken:**

- We are a safe community.
- We accept the rejected.
- We gently (come alongside to) restore.
- We are a family (dysfunctional, yet committed to God's glory and the good of others).

### **As a rehabilitation center for healing:**

- We proclaim "Good News" not "Good Advice."
- We find rest in Christ's work.
- We hold on to hope.

### **As a gym for strength and service:**

- We equip others for ministry.
- We carry each other's burdens.
- We grow together.
- We are set-apart and sent out to reach the world.

Three aspects that should characterize every church – *Worship, Nurture, Witness*  
(No church perfectly incorporates all three).

- **Worship:** Corporate gathering of God's people to worship on the Lord's Day – Most important thing we do.
- **Nurture:** Ongoing Education on how to build our lives around the gospel – how the gospel affects every aspect of our life and worship – Small groups, Christian Education, Bible studies, Children/Nursery.
- **Witness:** Proclaiming the gospel and displaying to others the reality of the gospel – Finding our life, freedom, meaning, identity and joy in the story of Another.

# Looking Back

How were we a Hospital for the Broken, a Rehab Center for Healing, and a Gym for Service to Edmond?

**2021**

- Worship:
  - Sermon series:
    - Just Jesus: A focus on our greatest and only need found in the person and work of Jesus.
    - Judges: The greatness of God's grace is seen in the depths to which it reaches.
  - Good Friday Service.
  - Christmas Eve service of Scripture readings and carols.
  - We admitted more children to partake of the Lord's Supper.
- Church-wide Bible Studies:
  - Finished Men's and Women's study of *Extravagant Grace* by Barbara Duguid.
  - Joint Men and Women study of *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane Ortlund
- Women's Ministry:
  - Installed Kitty Wooten as women's ministry leader to come alongside Kristin Wade.
  - Ladies' Christmas cookie decorating party
  - Ladies' fellowship meetings.
  - Ladies' meal making for Angels Foster Family Network.
- Children's Ministry:
  - Kids pizza and movie night in the summer.
  - Held kids Christmas cookie decorating party.
  - Kids Easter party.
  - Re-opened children's church and nursery during our service.
- Men's Ministry:
  - Men's theology on tap consistently met for fellowship and deep discussion.
  - Men's fellowship night at Top Golf.
- Community Groups:
  - Our community groups were a pivotal source of fellowship and encouragement at Redeemer.
  - Community groups rotated taking donations and helping to care for members in our congregation.
- Church Gatherings:
  - Barbara Seratte led our fellowship meals and church gatherings. Her gifting in this area is clear and has been a huge upgrade for our meals / parties.
  - Annual Christmas party.
- Missions and Outreach Team:
  - We were able through your generous donations to create a leadership team and start to support people and ministries in and beyond Edmond. This is a large part of our vision as a church.

# Looking Ahead to 2022

## How Will We Be Here for the Broken, Healing, and the Strong?

- Sermon series:
  - Judges: The greatness of God's grace is seen in the depths to which it reaches.
  - Bible Basics: The foundations of Christianity
- Bible Study: Gentle and Lowly: *The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers*
- Worship: *powerful extending the kingdom moments, new songs, redone songs, more singing and the full complement of instruments, more baptisms, more people admitted to the Lord's table, more prayer, more people consistently attending worship, plans for expanding worship capacity.*
- Community Groups: *We hope for these communities to grow into being the way we live out the church's vision together. We pray for greater attendance, deeper relationships, and further understanding of the gospel to take place.*
  - *Goal of 4 groups by the end of 2022 (This would mean we add 1 more group)*
  - *We want every member participating and more people being invited.*
  - *We want Community Groups to be the primary place of care and community for our people*
  - *We need both Community Group Leaders and Community Group Host.*
  - *Are you in a Community Group?*
- Women: *Quarterly Dinners, Angels meal making, Women's Retreat, Women's study.*
- Men: *Theology on Tap, Men's study, Retreat in the Spring or Fall, Top Golf outings, increasing fellowship opportunities.*
- Children's Ministry: *Continue to invest in our kids by teaching them during Children's Church about the love of God displayed in the Bible. Increasing the number of volunteers.*
- Youth Ministry: *Prep for our growing congregation filled with young kids to envision, plan, and implement a rich youth ministry.*
- Community Connection: *Halloween Mitch Park trunk or treat, Edmond 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Turkey Trot, UCO freshman move in day and Interfaith Fair, Host a conference on relationships? Marriage? Parenting?*
- Missions and Outreach Team: *Raise more money to be able to continue to support missionaries, ministries, and people. Be faithful to pray for this team and the things we support.*
- Building: Renovations to the Fellowship Hall to make it as beautifully welcoming as the new Sanctuary and Foyer. Paint the pulpit to have it match the style of our sanctuary. Fencing in the grass for kids to have safe recreation space
  - *Finding ways to use our building to bless our neighbors and community as well as sacrificially give in order to keep paying our mortgage.*

# Goals and Potential Roadblocks

What do we want to be able to say at our 2023 State of the Church?

- Have people come to know Jesus for the first time. Have people who would be identified as sleepy Christians be woken up by the gospel. Have people who would be identified as worn-out Christians be freed by the good news of rest found in the gospel. Have new believers come to join us. Have Christians without a church find a home at Redeemer. Have people come because they were invited by a member of Redeemer.
  
- 150 people in worship by year end
  - How can this happen? Who might come? WHY would they come?
  - Pray for God to move and start a revival of gospel growth here in Edmond.
  - Pray for God to open opportunities for us to share the gospel and point others to Christ.
  - Pray for God's love to be the fuel from which we live, work, and serve.
  
  - We are expanding our giving on faith in the God who has seen us through the last 12 years – We are committing to give 1% of our offerings to the Presbytery for ministry outreach. These funds RUF and church planters in our area.
  - Eventually our goal as a church is to be 50/50 – Meaning we give 50% to help and bless others.
  - We are grateful for everyone in this church and their generosity, and pray that God would bless our continued sacrificial giving.
  - Giving is not a way to make God love us but a response to His love for us.
  
- Community Groups to grow and deepen – Every member in a Community Group!
  - Have 6 Community Groups by years' end (add 1 more to what we have now).
  - Identify and disciple 3 new Community Group leaders that understand and “buy in” to Redeemer's vision to start 3 new Community Groups.
  - Need good groups who meet regularly.
  
- These goals are not about Redeemer. These goals are about God's glory being put on display through what He does at Redeemer.

# New Website

- Reason for website update
  - Communications perspective
    - Consolidate/refine where information is found
    - Make it more predictable, less frustrating, more concise
    - Easier to manage
  - Resource perspective
    - Tremendously blessed by Pete/Clay's sermons
      - Archive sermons and make them searchable
      - Give visitors quick access
      - Podcast version
  - Design perspective
    - Fit overall design aesthetic of the church
    - Often the first encounter a visitor may have of Redeemer
    - Consistent
- Specifics of new website
  - Cost
    - Reduced for the first year due to discount
    - After the discount, it is an annual savings of 42%
    - GoogleOne cloud storage for sermons (\$20 annually)
  - For visitors
    - Easily accessible, clear to see service times, connect, mission of RPC, get an overall "feel" for RPC
  - For members
    - Password-protected Member Connect page
      - Directory
      - Updated calendar
    - All SignUp forms either available directly on website or linked from website
- Statistics of new website
  - Most traffic to website is via Google (SEO optimization)
  - 81% of sessions are on a mobile device
    - Make sure things are formatted (as much as possible) for a mobile device
  - Most sessions come from Oklahoma, but also receive traffic from Texas, Colorado, California
  - Approx. 10 regular listeners to sermon podcast
- How can we do better?
  - Continue to work toward consistency in communication
  - Push to make website a central hub for communication
    - Finance updates
    - Prayer/Care/Share requests
  - Spotlight outreach ministries, recommended resources, etc
  - Evaluate continued use of RPC Weekly

## Annual RPC Finances Report

Description	2019 Actual	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Budget Proposal	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
<b>Income</b>						
Individual TITHE Contributions	\$302,773.82	\$0.00	\$286,730.21	\$303,000.00	\$304,618.73	\$304,000.00
Investments - Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$82.05	\$0.00	\$19.69	\$0.00
MNA	\$7100.00	\$0.00	\$7600.00	\$7000.00	\$9700.00	\$9700.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PPP Loan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Sub-Total Budgeted Income</b>	<b>\$309,873.82</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$336,412.57</b>	<b>\$310,000.00</b>	<b>\$314,338.42</b>	<b>\$313,700.00</b>
Renovation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5850.12	\$0.00
Ministry Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8820.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Giving Income</b>	<b>\$309,873.82</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$336,412.57</b>	<b>\$310,000.00</b>	<b>\$329,008.54</b>	<b>\$313,700.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Salary & Staff Insurance	\$228,215.80	\$216,571.00	\$239,809.62	\$222,439.74	\$217,992.37	\$227,819.86
Utilities	\$8490.00	\$8640.00	\$7717.06	\$8220.00	\$9880.58	\$10,615.00
Operating Expenses	\$33,820.71	\$39,790.00	\$23,332.32	\$33,080.00	\$27,307.59	\$25,643.00
Building & Loan Insurance	\$64,486.98	\$74,537.48	\$68,526.02	\$68,782.48	\$68,666.56	\$68,652.48
Renovation					\$3138.68	
Total Expenses	\$335,013.49	\$339,538.48	\$339,385.02	\$332,522.22	\$326,985.78	\$332,730.34
<b>Income less Expenses</b>	<b>-\$25,139.67</b>		<b>-\$2972.45</b>	<b>-\$22,522.22</b>	<b>\$2022.76</b>	<b>-\$19,030.34</b>

# FAQ

## **What is distinctive about the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)?**

(Taken from the official PCA website [www.pcanet.org](http://www.pcanet.org)) - “The distinctiveness of the PCA lies in our stress on both reformation and revival. Without an emphasis on revival, “reformation” may become either a mimicking of political ideologies or sterile doctrinarism. Without an emphasis on reformation, “revival” may become a shallow pietism or mysticism. Only reformation and revival together can accomplish the Great Commission of our Lord.”

## **How do I get involved at Redeemer?**

### **Connect: Abide in Jesus...**

- Attend New Members Class
- Attend and/or host a Community Group on a regular basis.
- Sign up to receive our weekly emails that keep everyone informed.
- Attend the Bible/book studies, men’s and ladies’ fellowships that we offer

### **Serve: To each one He gave gifts...**

- Sign up to help with children’s church.
- Sign up to be a part of the worship team. These opportunities include:
  - Greeters (we need 2 people every Sunday)
  - Ushers (we need 3 people to collect the offering every Sunday)
  - Music (vocal and instrumental)
- Sign up to help with nursery.
- Participate in the Mission and Outreach Team service opportunities
- Listen for needs that people in your life have – meet them where you are able!

### **Go! You shall be my witnesses**

- Invite people to lunch after church, or to come to your community group
- Organize a get together with some people you do not know that well.
- Invite a co-worker to come over for dinner