

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

REDEMPTION HILL CHURCH



This Week: Pastor Tim Swanson will be preaching on Mark 15:1-20



What's Going On

Sun. 03/22

Sunday Worship

Wed. 03/25

Youth Discipleship @ 7pm

Sun. 03/29

Sunday Worship @ 10am; All-Age Service (Mark 15:21-47)

Thur. 04/02

Prayer Gathering @ 7pm

Fri. 04/03

Good Friday service @ WCC @ 7pm

Sun. 04/05

Easter Celebration

Sat. 04/11

SRJC InterVarsity Prayer Walk @ 10am

Where did you grow up, and what was the best thing about it?

I grew up on the beautiful North Coast in Fort Bragg, CA. The best part of growing up there was the small-town feeling and the traditions that came with it—everyone knew each other, and there was a real sense of community. The beaches were a huge part of our lives, and we spent many weekends and summer days swimming in the ocean, floating on air mattresses, and enjoying the beautiful state parks. One of the special things about growing up there was that the people you went to kindergarten with were often the same people you graduated high school with. My mom, grandma, and great-grandparents were all from Fort Bragg, so my family has deep roots in the community. After college, God led me back to the coast, where I taught elementary, middle, and high school choir in the Mendocino Unified School District for 22 years. It was wonderful to teach just a few miles from where I grew up and to be able to return to the wonderful community that I grew up in.

What was your first job, and what's a lesson from it that's stuck with you? One of my first jobs, at age 17, was as a nanny for a little girl and a boy who had been adopted from India. Their mother, a local dentist, had gone to school with my aunt, and their father owned the town's movie theater. At the time, the children were 1½ and 4 years old, and I cared for them for two years while attending junior college. I continued to care for them during the summers for two more years while I was away at

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college, and off and on as I began teaching, until they were around 8 and 10. This experience taught me a great deal about working with children. It strengthened my patience and showed me the importance of building meaningful relationships. Today, these children are grown adults, and we have maintained our connection over the years.

Tell us about your family.

My mom and my grandma, who is 101, still live in Fort Bragg. I have a half-sister, a niece and nephew, and six great-nieces and nephews. I have a 12-year-old yellow Labrador, Bailey, who is a retired therapy dog who lives with me here in Santa Rosa. My mom dedicated nearly 40 years to working in special education before retiring. Some of my fondest childhood memories are singing in church alongside my mom, grandma, and great-grandma.

If you had a completely free day, what would be your ideal way to spend it?

In Fort Bragg with my family and at the beach with Bailey. Walking by the ocean over the years has always been a place where I talk with God, and that is extremely special to me.

What led you to decide to follow Christ?

I was raised as a Christian and spent a lot of my younger years at the church with my mom, who did a lot of the children's music/programs and VBS. Some of my best childhood memories are those times at the church with my mom and childhood friends. I accepted Jesus into my heart at an early age and was baptized when I was 8. During my teen years, I began to fully understand what it meant to have my own personal relationship with Jesus and decided on my own that I was going to follow Him. A lot of time spent in the hospital in SF and a diagnosis of a rare medical condition when I was 12, and other issues during college, allowed me to really strengthen my personal relationship with Jesus and taught me to lean on Him.

What is the one thing that Christ is teaching you at the moment?

Endurance and patience to run the race and to keep my eyes on Jesus and give everything over to Him when the race gets long and tiring.

How did you come to be at Redemption Hill?

This is one of the most wonderful stories of how God truly called me to Santa Rosa, VCA, and Redemption Hill. I love getting to share this story because it's about stepping out in faith and following God's plan and His will for my life—having faith in God and fully trusting in His plan. I had never in my life felt more led by God.

After teaching choir in Mendocino for 22 years and living in Fort Bragg most of my life, God called me to leave my teaching job in Mendocino, my family and friends, and the community where I had lived almost my entire life to accept a job as VP and choir director at Victory Christian Academy and move to Santa Rosa. I knew that God had placed me as a missionary

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Women's Retreat

POSTPONED

Due to an unforeseen matter, we have made the unfortunate decision to postpone the women's retreat scheduled for March 27-29, 2026. We know this will bring disappointment and are sorry for the short notice. All registration fees have been refunded to the original payment method; please contact the church office if you have not received yours.

for Him in a public school district that was about 90% non-Christian. It was definitely God's plan for those 22 years. Things began to change in public school, and it became harder and harder to be there as a Christian. I was also starting to feel like my job was pulling me away from my time with God. I told God that if He wanted me to stay in my job, I would stay, but if He had somewhere else for me to go, I'd go. I never actually thought I would be going anywhere, but God had a different plan.

In December of 2021, I searched the internet, just for fun, for other teaching jobs, after having a really rough beginning of the 2021 school year. VCA was the first one to pop up the list of about 30 other music positions in CA. A Christian school! I emailed Wendy right away, and from the moment I interviewed at VCA and prayed about it, everything fell into place, including a church. At that time I was only looking for a choir teaching position, not a VP position, but God had another plan in mind! A choir and VP position.

As I began to work with and get to know Wendy at VCA, I saw how brightly her light shone for Jesus, and that led me to want to try attending the church she attended. I had recently had to leave my church in Fort Bragg due to issues that arose during COVID, and know that part of God's plan of moving me to Santa Rosa was to get back into a church that taught His word.

Redemption Hill reminds me of the small church I grew up in. I was looking for a church that just taught and focused on the Bible—not a large church with lots of programs and events, but a church where I could grow in God's Word and be faithful to Him. I immediately felt at home at Redemption Hill and loved the focus on Jesus and the Bible. and the loving people who welcomed each Sunday. A couple of months after I started coming, I went to the women's retreat, where I didn't really know anyone except Wendy, Abbey, and Emma. Everyone treated me like family. They were so loving and friendly and made me feel like I belonged.

Four years later, I am happy to be part of the Redemption Hill Church family and to call Redemption Hill my church home. It has been such a blessing to see how God was guiding every step, even before I could see where He was leading. I'm so grateful that I trusted God's leading, because His plan turned out to be far better than anything I could have planned for myself.

What advice would you give to someone who's new to Redemption Hill?

Attend Women's or Men's Retreat and join a small group. I joined a small bible study group this year and it has been wonderful! Redemption Hill is full of loving people who want to welcome you and want you to be part of the church family.

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Good Friday Service

This reverent but powerful service will involve a community of several local churches and will include scripture, communion, and a multi-church worship team. Childcare provided for nursery-preschool.

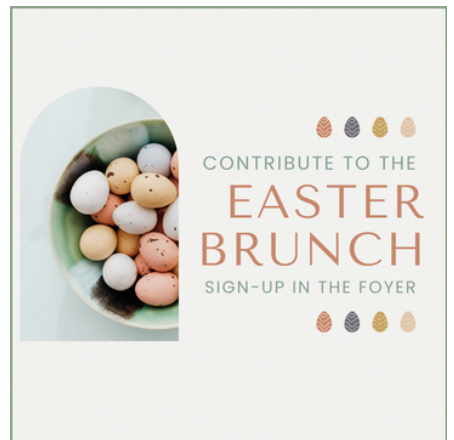
7:00pm @ Windsor Christian Church



Easter Sunday Celebration

We gather on April 20th to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Let's be praying for and inviting our friends, neighbors, classmates and co-workers!

8:45 AM – COURTYARD WORSHIP & THE WORD
9:00 AM – EGG HUNT (CHILDREN UP TO 5TH GRADE)
9:15 AM – BRUNCH
10:00 AM – WORSHIP SERVICE



Sign-up to bring food for our Easter Sunday community brunch.



We're updating the pictures in our online directory. A photographer will be taking quick portraits of everyone on Easter Day.

PRAY

for the
Swansons

Points for Prayer:

- Removal of any fungus on the valve, pacemaker, and in the blood as well as medication side-effects.
- Protection from infectious emboli and vegetations.
- Restoration of natural ventricular heart beat
- Clarity in decision-making and the fungal source.
- Thwarting of spiritual schemes/attacks in light of Revelation 12:10-11.
- Christ's renewing strength, peace, and joy.
- God will be glorified in this affliction and, as John 9:3, says "...that the works of God might be displayed in (me)."



Points for Prayer

- The three unreached people groups I have targeted this year: the development of good relationships with open-hearted individuals.
- Parents of our preschool students: that they'd be moved by the love they see in our teachers and ask about the "Hope" that we carry.
- For my much-needed eye surgery: funding, the skill of the surgeons, and quick recovery.
- For new believers: boldness within their Muslim communities; protection from persecution.



Points for Prayer:

- After 50 years of service, our preschool (Happy Time) is closing due to low enrollment/loss of funds. Pray that we know what God's will is for our next step, and for the sadness around closing.
- Pray that Pastor Rick and his wife Donna would grow in learning how to lead the church in discipleship
- Pray that we find an associate pastor who would be able to lead the church in its next phase

40 Days of Prayer

— through Easter

- Free book for every adult
- Fast together each Thursday, for those who are able

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I'm
praying
for
you

Church-wide Forty Days of Prayer

"When we hear that a friend is struggling, it can be easy to say, 'I'm praying for you', but harder to know what to actually pray. The scriptures provide a resource for that, giving us the words to ask God to do the very things he has told us he intends to do in and through the suffering in a believer's life."

In the forty days leading up to Easter, we're praying together as a church family, guided by Nancy Guthrie's book, *I'm Praying For You: Forty Days of Praying the Bible for Someone Who's Suffering*. Join us!

We are giving away a free copy of *I'm Praying For You* to every adult. Additional copies are available for \$5 (please place payment in an envelope marked, "Book," and place it in the offering box.)

Throughout this season of prayer, we are also asking that those who are able fast every Thursday. For more guidance on this, speak to Pastor Tim or Kelly Hubley.

Today is Day 26.



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Serve with the Food Distribution

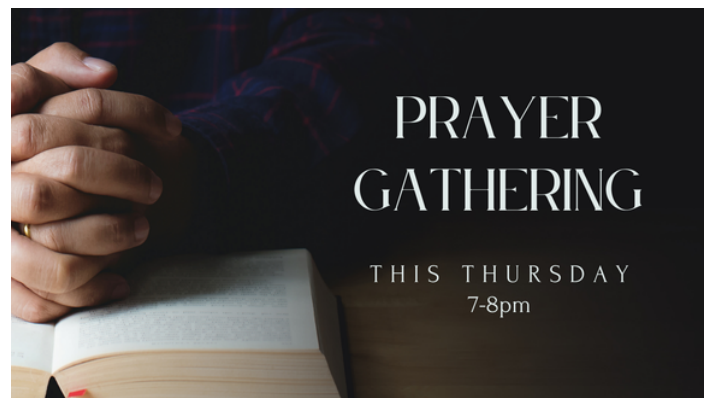
1st/3rd Tuesday
12:30pm - 2:30pm



Youth Discipleship: Change of Dates

In a change to the usual schedule, we'll be meeting on the following dates:

- 03/25 (4th Wednesday)
- 04/08 (2nd Wednesday)
- 04/22 (4th Wednesday)
- 04/29 (5th Wednesday)



Save The Date:

04/11/26

InterVarsity Prayer Walk at SSU @ 10am

04/17/26-04/18/26

Youth Discipleship All-Nighter

05/03/26

Bible Adventure Week Volunteer Luncheon

06/15/26-06/19/26

Bible Adventure Week

06/07/26

Graduation Sunday; Outdoor Service & BBQ

10/16/26-10/18/26

Man Camp

Updated directory available in the foyer



NEW TO REDEMPTION?

Hi there!

Whatever your background or situation, we're glad you've decided to join us this morning. You might find it helpful to know that:

- There are bathrooms available in the lobby and in the courtyard.
- Nursery services are available for infants. We also dismiss children for age-appropriate learning (toddlers through 5th Grade) during the main teaching time (except on the 5th Sunday of the month).
- A nursing room and changing facilities are available in the Sanctuary building.

Refreshments are available after the service - please stick around and say hi!

We look forward to getting to know you!

FIND COMMUNITY

Hungry for deeper, authentic relationships? We've got Men's, Women's, and Youth Discipleship Groups to help us grow together in grace. We meet weekly to discuss Scripture and pray. *Contact the Church Office for location and availability.*

Men's Groups

- Mon. Evenings - Santa Rosa
- Tues. Evenings - Rohnert Park
- Weds. Evenings - Santa Rosa

Women's Groups

- Weds. Mornings - Santa Rosa
- Weds. Evenings - Rohnert Park
- Thurs. Evenings - Santa Rosa

Youth (6th-12th Grade):

- 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays of each month — RHC Campus.
- Contact Kellen for more info: kellen@RedemptionHillsSR.org



Online Giving

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Ministry Team

Elders:

- Tim Swanson - Pastor/Elder
- Kelly Hubley - Elder

Staff:

- Wendy Cunningham - Worship Ministry Director
- Kellen Eddy - Youth Ministry Director
- John Hansen - Children's Ministry Director
- Sarah Mee - Church Administrative Assistant / Tech Team Administrator
- Alisa Swanson - Hospitality & Facilities Administrator

First Aid

An AED and a Life-Vac anti-choking device are located in the Foyer. A box of other first aid supplies is in the Fireside Room, above the refrigerator.

LET'S CONNECT!

We'd love to get to know you better and welcome you into our family. If you're ready to get connected, please fill out a few details and leave this in the offering box on the back wall of the Sanctuary. Or, better still, scan this code and fill it out online. Someone will be in touch soon.

First name:

Last name:

Email:

Phone:



For he **perceived** that it was
out of
envy
that the chief priests
had **delivered** him up

Mark 15:10

