

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

REDEMPTION HILL CHURCH



This Week: Pastor Tim Swanson will be preaching on Hebrews 13:20-25



SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES: EVANGELISM

by James Williams

What's Going On

Sun. 05/24

Sunday Worship; Post-service
Prayer Gathering

Sun. 05/31

Sunday Worship @ 10am — All-
Age Service

Tue. 06/02

Food Distribution @ 12:30pm

Thur. 06/04

Prayer Gathering @ 7pm

06/07/26

Graduation Sunday; Outdoor
Service & BBQ

06/15/26-06/19/26

Bible Adventure Week

After speaking of the wonderful privilege we have in being able to know and fellowship with Almighty God, Martyn Lloyd-Jones states, "A man who knows anything about this intimate fellowship with God cannot stop speaking about it." It's natural for us to share with others the things in our life that are meaningful.

Let us look at the Spiritual discipline of evangelism.

We often speak of sharing the gospel, but are we equipped to do so? Here are the basics (who, what, where, when, and why) of sharing the gospel:

Who Should Share the Gospel?

All believers! The Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) is for all Christians to obey! The reality is that all Christians are to serve in this way, not just vocational ministers. Charles Spurgeon once said, "Every Christian is either a missionary or an impostor."

Peter 3:15-16- "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness

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and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.”

What do we share?

The Gospel is the good news! It's the message that we were created by God but separated from Him by our rebellion and sin, and that separation cannot be fixed by our own works. Christ came and lived in perfect obedience to God's law, bore the punishment we deserve on the cross, and rose again, having defeated sin and death. Those who repent and believe the gospel will receive the righteousness of Christ and live with Him forever.

We must share this message with our words! Inviting people to church is great, but it's not sharing the gospel. Living the life in front of people is great, but by itself it's not sharing the gospel. We should do both of those, but as we do them we are praying and looking for opportunities to take the message of the gospel to people.

Where? When?

In the Great Commission, the command is to make disciples “as you are going.” As you are going to work, as you are going to run errands, as you are going on vacation, etc. share the good news! Wherever you find yourself throughout the day, consider that the Lord might be providing you with opportunities to share.

Perhaps an illustration is helpful: Imagine going to serve as a missionary in another country. What would be the strategy? We must have a platform to get in the country and around people. We would get a job where we can interact with folks and share, and we would view our job primarily as a platform for sharing the gospel. We might live in strategic neighborhoods where we would be able to share because we would see our neighbors as someone with whom we might have an opportunity to share. We would be “missions-minded.”

We must ask ourselves, why are we not like that here? Hasn't God sovereignly placed us here too? The book of Acts tells us that God has determined our time and even the boundaries

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Pray:

- Jasmine Basch: Recovering from heart procedure on 03/16
- Jonathan Bauer: Recovering from knee surgery.
- Brandi Durham: Full healing of knee and ankle.
- Linda Hubley: For comfort from the Lord, his Word, and his people. For continuance of the perfect peace she currently experiences. That she would make the most of every day, especially during the “better” periods between treatments. That she would identify and make the most of opportunities to speak with others about the Lord.
- Kathy Hughes (wife of Dan); Diagnosed with stressed kidney, lung cancer. Dan is caring for her and working full time.
- Greg Jackson: God's guidance and direction, family reconciliation.
- Kevin Moore: Comfort over continued grieving over his daughter, Christine.
- Jenn Welch: Recovery from surgery; for strong functioning of remaining kidney.
- Robin Williams: Preparing for Joni & Friends Missions trip; for those she'll meet and minister to.
- Bible Adventure Week: For opportunities to invite families; for planning and preparations.
- Schneiders: Healthy delivery of their baby boy; smooth transition to being a family of 4

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where we live (Acts 17:26)! Even here, our co-workers are people who need the good news. Our neighbors are human beings made in the image of God and need to hear the good news! We must see every person we come in contact with as one placed there by the Lord.

Why?

1. **Love for such a great God**– The whole purpose of evangelism is to see more people come to know and worship God. Evangelism is the means to seeing more worshippers. We desire more people to know and love God because we truly believe He is the best anyone could ever want or need. In *Let the Nations be Glad*, Dr. Piper states, “Where passion for God is weak, zeal for missions will be weak.” The two are directly connected. When God is made much of in our churches and in our lives, it will overflow in our missions. Does your evangelism show a low view and low passion for God?
2. **Love for the lost**– do we truly care for others? Do we genuinely care for their soul? If so, wouldn't we desire that they hear the only message of hope? Our only hope to escape hell and the wrath of God we deserve is the good news of Jesus Christ!
3. **A desire to be obedient**– God has commanded us to share. Hopefully, we desire to naturally, but where we find this passion lacking, we must remember that we will be held accountable for our obedience.

Conclusion

This can only be done in power of the Holy Spirit! Don't trust in your knowledge or speaking ability. Romans 1:16 states, “I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...” We cannot convert anyone, it's the Holy Spirit of God that changes a person's heart! Thankfully, God uses human instruments like you and me to share the Gospel, but the power for change is from Him!

Remember, success in evangelism isn't whether or not the person believes, it's whether or not we obey the call to share. There will be many times we share with someone who will not believe, but those times are not failures. Just like Jesus wasn't a failure when the rich young ruler turned away, so neither are you if someone doesn't respond in belief. We hope and pray others come to believe as we share, but that is not how we define successful evangelism.

Application

1. Who is one person you can intentionally develop a relationship with, pray for, and seek opportunities to share the gospel with?
2. If you don't know any non-believers, what's a specific way you can change that? (Ex: joining a group or club, getting involved in a local organization, going to a specific restaurant on a regular basis, etc.)

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Points for Prayer:

- Zoning permit success (pray that it is finalized on schedule, May 14)
- A successful first Swing-for-Live event (June 1, golfing fundraiser)
- Praise for the awarding of a grant from NIFLA for a medical clinic assessment
- Pray for a successful Baby Bottle Blast fundraiser (Mother's Day - Father's Day)
- We're looking to hire a new Fatherhood Program Director. Pray that the Lord brings the right person to best serve the men of Bridges.



**Wheels for the World Outreach
May 16-24**

Pray for Robin as she travels to San Marcos, Guatemala to serve:

- Unity among her team
- Full provision of wheelchairs to those who need them
- Opportunities to speak of the saving love of Christ
- Receptive hearts
- Physical and spiritual protection



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Bible Adventure Week is our VBS and a whole-church effort to reach our local communities with the gospel of Christ!

Get Involved!

Pray

- About who you might invite, and for the Lord to draw them to Himself through BAW.
- For opportunities to reach out to young families in the Kawana Springs area.
- For all of the volunteers as they prepare.

Invite

Bible Adventure Week is open to all kids aged 4-11 — especially those with no church background! Pray for and invite families you'd love to see come to salvation in Christ!

- Classmates
- Co-workers
- Neighbors
- Sports teams
- Family

Volunteer

The Lord has blessed each of us with different gifts, which we can use to volunteer at BAW. Some of the ways that you can serve are:

- Decor
- Prayer Team
- Leading a group of kids
- Assisting with the Bible time, games, or crafts
- Preparing and serving snacks
- Registration
- Chatting with parents

*For those unable to be present on-site, consider committing to joining a group call each evening, praying for the ministry taking place at BAW.

***For more information or to signup,
speak to Emma Cunningham (707-757-3562) or Jason Swoffer (425-798-7411)
or contact the church office***

A promotional poster for 'Summer Events Youth Discipleship 2026'. The poster features a sun icon with 'rh' inside, a blue water bottle, a skateboard, and a notebook with pencils. The background is a light blue and yellow gradient with green leaves. The text is organized by month: June, July, August, and September.

rh **SUMMER EVENTS**
Youth Discipleship 2026

JUNE
7: Graduation Sunday
15-19: Volunteer @ BAW
28: Pool Party

JULY
16: Game Night
27: Scandia & In-n-Out
31 - Aug 2: Camp Out

AUGUST
16: Beach Day

SEPTEMBER
2: Back to School Bash

Questions: Ask Kellen or Abbey Eddy
(Details for each event will be sent via email)

A graphic with the text 'PRAY for the Swansons' overlaid on a background of two hands clasped in prayer.

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)."

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):

Youth Discipleship is now on its summer schedule.
Contact Kellen for more info: kellen@RedemptionHillSR.org



Online Giving

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Ministry Team

Elders:

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Kelly Hubley - Elder

Staff:

Wendy Cunningham - Worship Ministry Director
Kellen Eddy - Youth 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:



...working in
us that which
is pleasing in
his sight,



through Jesus
Christ,

to whom be
glory
forever and
ever. Amen.



HEBREWS 13:21

