

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

REDEMPTION HILL CHURCH



This Week: Pastor Tim Swanson will be preaching on John 15:1-27



What's Going On

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

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

I grew up here in Novato, Marin County. I've lived here my whole life. And I must say that I love the climate here, and I've got a great group of friends that I grew up with. We homeschooled together and have got lot of memories together.

What was your first job, and what's a lesson from it that's stuck with you?

My first kind of job was helping my dad, who runs a kids barber shop here in Novato. Since around the age of 8-10, I helped with sweeping the floors and greeting customers. The lesson I learned was to always be hospitable — smile at people, make eye contact, and always be willing to do what you're told. My dad really ingrained those lessons in me.

My first proper job was working at In-N-Out, which I did in my senior year of high school and through the summer. And the lessons were pretty much the same.

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Tell us about your family.

My dad loves to fish. He cuts hair for a living, so he spends a lot of time getting to know people. He's very personable and has a great sense of humor. He's probably my biggest inspiration and I want to be like him — he's so good with people, he's hard working and loves to provide for the family. My mom is my best friend — she's caring and a great communicator. I can't say that I've met anyone more servant-hearted person than her. She homeschooled me and my two sisters, and we have a great relationship. My older sister Liberty were best friends but also like rivals growing up, but we're really close. We have a lot of shared interests and we look alike, so many people mistake us for twins. I'm super-stoked that she got married to Noah a couple of years ago. She has a massive collection of Mario memorabilia, which is pretty cool. Joy is my oldest sister. She also enjoys writing a lot. We connect a lot on an intellectual level because we're both thinkers. She and I like nerd out together! And then my grandmother has been so formative in my life. She's awesome!

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

I would love to spend some time with friends, hanging out. Maybe we'd go on a bike ride. And I'd love to spend some time cooking up some music - I have a keyboard here and I love to compose. I'd also like to read. I've got a long list of books I want to read or reread, including The Count of Monte Cristo, CS Lewis's Space Trilogy, and Anne of Green Gables, which my mom recommended to me.

What led you to decide to follow Christ?

My testimony's a lot more about sanctification than initial justification. I've believed in God for as long as I can remember, since my parents are very faithful to raise me to know about Jesus and how he paid for my sins by dying on the cross and rose again so that I can be forgiven. I was convicted of my sin from an early age, but I didn't have much of a personal relationship with Christ until the beginning of high school. My granddad died, Covid hit, we were all in lockdown and isolated from other people. I realized that I needed to take my faith seriously.

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.
- 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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I hadn't really read the Bible much for myself. For a long time, I knew that I should read it, but I didn't really want to. Then God changed that. I started reading it more and praying more, and the more I did, the more I wanted to, and the Holy Spirit started convicting me.

The youth groups I've been part of have been really important, and of course being at Redemption Hill. Going to Master's College has been sanctifying in so many ways. Not just learning about God in the Bible classes, but also just through the life experience of being there. Being around all these other people who follow Christ, and having to navigate relationships and living alone have been pushing me to know God more and more. He's shown me that he's faithful and he's given me strength to just keep going day by day, trusting in Him.

I'm studying Biblical Studies with an emphasis on languages. I've just spent a semester reading 1 John, 2 John, and 3 John in the original Greek and it's been so eye-opening. Of course, reading it in English is great and valuable, but reading it in the original language is on a whole new level!

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

Right now, I'm going to be honest: directing BAW has been a very big responsibility. I'd never done anything like this before. There's a lot riding on this. I think of the kids who are going to come — I really want lots of kids to come and for them to know the love of Christ. I've never led anything like this before, and God is showing me that, although I'm leading, He's the One who's really in charge. So I need to not worry instead trust Him with this programme. And He's teaching me to find my rest and my joy in following Him. Immediately after getting back from school I was straight into this, and I wondered when I'd have time to rest. But He's taught me that working for Him and trusting Him, that's where I find my rest.

How did you come to be at Redemption Hill?

The church that we went to previously was kind of going under, so we were looking for another church that taught the bible well and had good fellowship. It was during Covid, so our options were limited. We visited Redemption Hill because we had some friends who came here, although they've since moved away. We liked, but it was a long way from Novato, so we visited other churches, but we didn't find anywhere that we liked as much. The preaching is amazing, the worship is great, and the community is a huge blessing. It's a long way to travel, but it's worth it. People in the old days used to walk miles and miles just to get to church, so this is nothing. We decided it's more than worth it.

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

I think my advice would be don't be afraid to say hi to people and shake hands because everyone is very warm and friendly and real. This is not one of those churches where people put on a fake face and try to act like everything's okay. We've been through a lot of hard things as a church. These are real people, who love the Lord. Don't hesitate to make connections with them and talk about spiritual things. Listen well when the word is preached and don't be afraid to stand up and sing to your Lord and Savior.

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SAVE THE DATE

Bridal Shower
For Sarah

07-12-2026
@12pm

Jeff Caldwell and Sarah Stufflebeam are getting married!

All Redemption Hill ladies and girls are invited to join us in a shower honoring Sarah on July 12 at 12pm. Registry details to follow.

PRAYER GATHERING

THIS THURSDAY
7-8pm

The graphic features a floral arrangement of various flowers in shades of blue, purple, yellow, and pink on the right side. The text is arranged in a clean, white, sans-serif font on a dark background.



ROBIN WILLIAMS

Wheels for the World Outreach
May 16-24

Follow-up Prayer Requests

- Praise for the people who came to know Jesus as Lord and Savior, that they would grow in their knowledge of Him.
- Praise for answered prayers for safety, strength and stamina.
- Praise for all of the support we received from the host church, volunteers, and interpreters who served us.
- Praise for so many needs met through wheelchairs, walkers, crutches & canes.

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)

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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.



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)."



Serve with the
Food Distribution

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



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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***

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

Get In Touch

Mailing address: P.O. Box 571,
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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
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:





I am the
VINE;

you are the

BRANCHES.

Whoever abides in me

and I in him, he it is

that bears much

FRUIT,

for apart from me you can do

NOTHING.

John 15:5

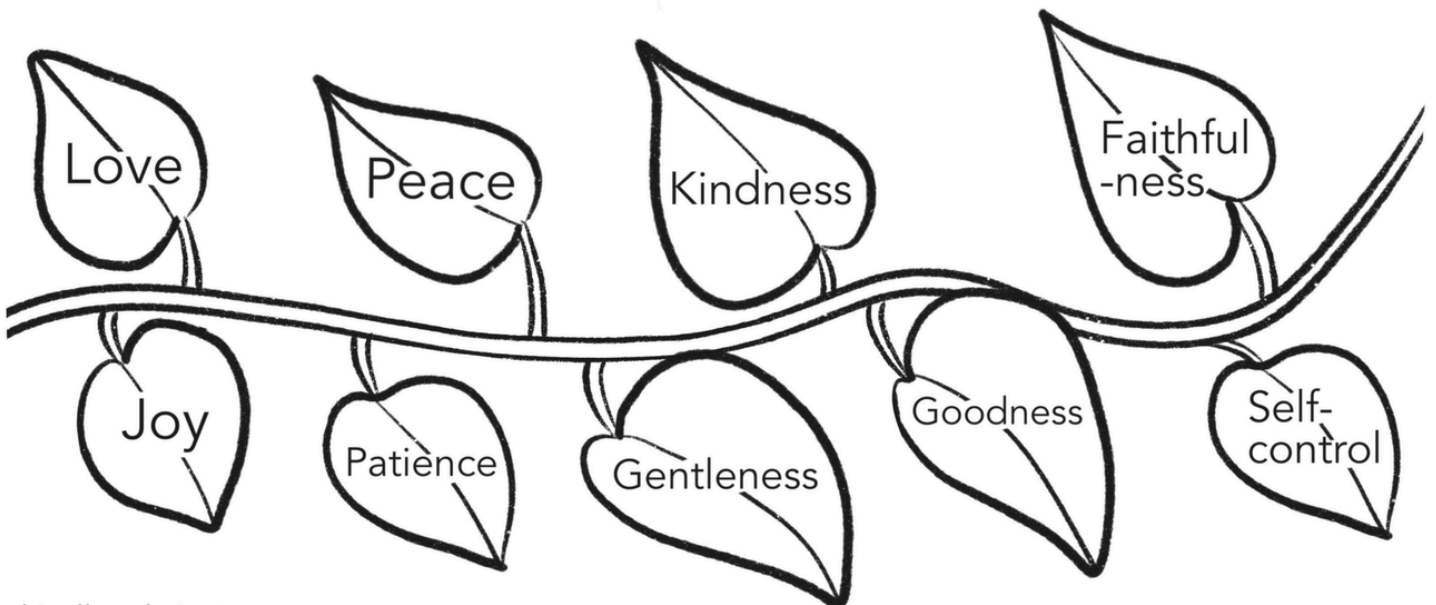


John 15:5

John 15:1-5 (ESV)

"I am the _____, _____,
and my _____ is the
_____. Every _____
in me that does not bear
fruit he takes _____, and
every branch that does
_____ fruit he _____,
that it may bear more
fruit... I am the vine; you
are the branches. Whoever
_____s in me and I in him,
he it is that bears much
_____, for _____ from me
you can do _____."

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ALL OF CHRIST: ABIDING IN THE TRUE VINE

Sermon Notes: Sunday Morning, May 31, 2026

Redemption Hill Church, Santa Rosa, CA

PASSAGE: John 15:1-17

Being a _____ of Christ demands us to _____ in Christ.

Meaning of "Abide":

❖ To remain, to dwell, or to stay

"The point is clear, continuous dependence on the vine, constant reliance upon Him, persistent spiritual imbibing (to drink and absorb) of His life this is the indispensable and essential action, condition, or ingredient of spiritual fruitfulness." - - D.A. Carson

How Do We Abide in Christ?

1. _____ Communing with Him by His _____ (vs. 7)

▶ Fruit: _____ Prayer

2. Loving _____ (vs. 9-10)

▶ Fruit: Abundant _____

3. _____ Service in Submission to His _____ (vs. 13-16)

▶ Fruit: _____ for One Another