

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

# REDEMPTION HILL CHURCH



This Week: Rhett Paro will be preaching on Romans 4:1-12



## Evangelism Is Not a Solo Sport

by G'Joe Joseph

### What's Going On

**Sun. 07/19**

Sunday Worship @ 10am; Post - Service Prayer Gathering; Picnic after the service

**Tue. 07/07**

Food Distribution @ 12:30pm

**Sun. 07/26**

Sunday Worship @ 10am; Communion Sunday; Picnic after the service

**Mon. 07/27**

Youth trip to Scandia & In 'N' Out, 4-6:30pm

**Tue. 07/07**

Food Distribution @ 12:30pm

"I can't do it! It's so hard for me," a staff member recently said to me.

"Why do you keep saying that?" I asked.

"I'm not gifted like you. I'm not the evangelist that you are."

The irony underneath this conversation was that God was using this young lady in the lives of many people in multiple ways. Many students moving toward Christ would reference things she had said or done. Despite this, somewhere deep in the recesses of her heart, she was convinced she was not good at evangelism. She told herself (and others) that she didn't have the gifts, the talent, the boldness, or the personality to evangelize.

The lie beneath other lies she was believing had nothing to do with her; rather, it was a common lie about evangelism—that evangelism is an individual sport. As opposed to sports that promote teamwork and collective contribution, individual sports highlight the individual's gifts, talents, contribution, and effectiveness.

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Many of us see evangelism as an individual sport; this mindset affects the way we approach it. In contrast, the Bible describes and prescribes a team approach to proclaiming the good news.

## Plural 'You'

If you live in the South or have ever spent time there, you've most likely heard the contraction y'all. If you live in Western Pennsylvania, however, you're probably more familiar with yens. But regardless of where you're from, these colloquial expressions are helpful in providing us with the second-person plural.

Acts 1:8, a verse often quoted with regard to witnessing, shares the you-plural concept:

But [y'all] will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on [y'all]; and [y'all] will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

The Great Commission is addressed to the implied "you," which is clearly plural from the context: "When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted" (Matt. 28:17). The Great Commission isn't just for you the individual; it's for all the y'alls in your life: your marriage, your family, your small group, and your church.

Not only does Scripture prescribe a team approach, it also describes team action. The ministries of both Jesus and Paul model this command in the context of community. From Jesus sending out his disciples in groups (Matt. 10) to most of Paul's epistles beginning and ending with the band of saints ministering together, we see the communal nature of evangelism in the early church.

## Partnership, Not Personality

When we think of great evangelists, the people who typically come to mind have bold and winsome personalities. Yet Scripture doesn't just instruct certain personality profiles to share his good news. Paul doesn't tell Timothy to live out the gift of evangelism, but rather to "do the work of an evangelist" (2 Tim. 4:5).

In a culture that's increasingly isolated and disconnected,

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## Pray:

- Mary Campbell: Recovering from knee replacement 06/29.
- Brandi Durham: Full healing of knee and ankle.
- Kory, Jessica & Summer Hopkins: Attended the Joni & Friends Family retreat July 13-17
- 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.
- Henry Calvin Schneider: Born to Aaron and Alena on 6/18/26
- Jenn Welch: Recovery from surgery; for strong functioning of remaining kidney.

## Prayer Continued:

- Sarah Stuffelbeam & Jeff Caldwell: Preparing for marriage on 08/08.
- Robin Williams: Recovering from oral surgery 07/01.
- Ben Benning (Carolyn VanGorkom's father) - recovery from a broken hip; for Carolyn & Melody as they care for him in Cameron Park.

## Save The Date:

**07/31-08/02**

Bible Youth Camp Out

**Sun. 08/09**

Promotion Sunday

**Sun. 09/06**

Outdoor Service & lunch

**Sat. 09/12**

NorCal Women's  
Conference

**10/16-10/18**

Man Camp



**POST-  
SERVICE  
PRAYER**  
Today

communal evangelism has unprecedented potential to draw in the individual. Partnerships, not personality, produce effectiveness in the long run.

Communal witness involves authentic and intentional friendships. While apologetics has its proper place, winning an argument rarely if ever wins people to Christ. Our best apologetic is that we love one another (John 13:35). Yet how does the unbelieving world know unless they are close enough to witness it?

Team ministry involves initiation, cultivation, and proclamation lived out in community.

### 1. Initiation

To engage those who don't know Jesus, we must initiate relationally. While most of us think about this individually, the world thinks about this communally. Platforms like Facebook and LinkedIn use a networking concept where friends are invited to meet other friends in a group. The church shouldn't be afraid to do the same.

### 2. Cultivation

Cultivation is about continuing to build and deepen genuine relationships. In 1 Corinthians 3, when Paul addresses the division in the church, he models a team approach—he planted, Apollos watered. Both were co-laborers, fellow workers. Cultivation needs those who water the gospel seeds.

### 3. Proclamation

Proclamation involves sharing the gospel truth and dialoguing with unbelievers. More often than not, evangelism goes beyond a gospel monologue or soliloquy and entails ongoing dialogue. While some evangelists are more naturally gregarious, all have a part to play.

## Better Together

Many are more naturally bent toward one of these three actions, but may struggle to live out another. The key is working together as a team to see these activities happen as you seek to labor in evangelism together.

I've seen couples learn to play off one another's strengths to

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become natural evangelistic teams. I've been part of small groups that deliberately engaged lost friends as a team at neighborhood parties. I've seen church members live out initiation, cultivation, and proclamation as they've rallied together to do the work of evangelism. And I've seen youth groups welcome friends of students who eventually heard the gospel and became a part of the community of faith.

What my friend failed to see was that even though she wasn't the one leading people to Jesus, she was hugely instrumental in initiating and cultivating. Despite not having the boldness of others, she was vital in building relationships and connecting them to our community. Team evangelism is both timely and timeless. Let's step out in faith as we do the work together.

G'Joe Joseph. "Evangelism Is Not a Solo Sport." *The Gospel Coalition*, 2 July 2019, <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/evangelism-solo-sport/>. Accessed 18 July 2026.



## 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)."

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026



*The Days*

Serving in The Netherlands

### Prayer

- Rest and renewal over the summer
- Important school decisions coming up for our kids
- Wisdom as Adam oversees spiritual formation for students at Tyndale as he tries to incorporate it in all areas of academics and community life
- Creativity and opportunities for Adam and Anna to build community among students
- For deepening discipleship of the members at our church plant



## NEW CREATION

*with Gloria Furman*

SEPTEMBER 12, 2026  
SANTA ROSA BIBLE CHURCH

NorCal Women's Conferences

### Join us for our third NorCal Women's Conference on September 12, 2026!

This biennial, one day Bible conference for women takes place at Santa Rosa Bible Church in Northeast Sonoma County from 8am-3:30pm. Our day will be full of rich teaching, impactful worship, great food and fellowship! Come and be encouraged - we don't want you to miss it!

We are so excited to have Gloria Furman with us this year! She is the author of so many fantastic books. Such as *Treasuring Christ when your hands are Full*, *Missional Motherhood*, and *Glimpses of Grace*, among others! She and her husband Dave serve at Redeemer Church of Dubai. She has a passion for equipping women in the church and is such a great resource!

We will be enjoying 3 teaching sessions and a beautiful time of worship! A light breakfast, coffee bar, delicious lunch, and other goodies are provided!

Your ticket includes a swag bag along with all meals, snacks and coffee! We throw in all the fun and fellowship for free!

**Cost is \$85 per person\* and includes lunch and snacks.**

**\*Sign up by July 19th for \$20 off! Registration closes August 30th.**

You don't want to miss out on this dynamic speaker, engaging worship, and a fresh word from the Lord.

Register at [NorCalWomensConference.com](https://NorCalWomensConference.com) or via the QR code above.

SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2026



## Serve with the Food Distribution

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



# MEAL TRAINS



- Baby Henry Schneider was born on June 18. Let's bless Aaron, Alena, and Mavis with some meals as they adjust to being a family of four. Visit [takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com) or scan the QR code.  
Recipient name: Schneider  
Password: bless
- Mary Campbell had knee replacement surgery on June 29. She and Steve would be grateful for some meals while she recovers.  
Recipient name: Campbell  
Password: love



## Upcoming Youth Discipleship Events:

**Scandia** - Monday, July 27  
Drop-off at 4:00pm at Scandia  
and pick up from In-n-Out at  
6:30pm.  
Cost: \$10 + additional money for  
dinner.

**Campout** - Friday, July 31 -  
Sunday, August 2nd  
Families with youth in Grades 6-  
12. Clear Lake State Park

**Beach Day** - Sunday, August 16  
Bring your own lunch. We will  
leave from the church after  
service (12:00pm). Please RSVP to  
[kellen@redemptionhillsr.org](mailto:kellen@redemptionhillsr.org). Pick  
up at RHC 5:30pm.

# 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](mailto:kellen@RedemptionHillSR.org)



## Get In Touch

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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: .....





**Abraham**

**BELIEVED**

**God, and it was**

**COUNTED**

**to him as**

**RIGHTEOUSNESS**



Romans 4:3



The Nuclear Center of Man's Objection to the Gospel  
Sermon Notes: Sunday Morning, July 19, 2026  
Redemption Hill Church, Santa Rosa, CA

PASSAGE: Romans 4:1-12

1. The example of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ in God's economy.

3. The example of \_\_\_\_\_.

Conclusion: God judges \_\_\_\_\_ — on what \_\_\_\_\_ will He  
render His decision regarding your case?