# REDEMPTION HILL CHURCH



This Week: Kelly Hubley will be preaching on



### What's Going On

#### Sun. 08/31

Sunday Worship (All-Age Service); Communion Sunday

#### Mon. 09/01

Office closed (Labor Day)

#### Tue. 09/02

Food Distribution @ 12:20pm

#### Wed. 08/06

Youth Discipleship "Back to School Bash" @ 5pm

#### Thur.09/07

Prayer Gathering @ 7pm

#### 09/07

Sunday Worship @ 10am; Newcomers' Lunch @ 12pm

#### 10/03-10/05

Man Camp

Sat. 10/25

Harvest Party

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

I grew up in Los Angeles. The best thing was that we could go to the beach in summer. There wasn't a lot of good things about growing up in LA, but that part was good!

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

Well, my first job was actually working at a day camp. I was a camp counselor in a camp that was run by a friend of my parents. I loved working with the kids. The most important thing that I learned was that I realised how fulfilling it was to work with the children, rather than just working in an office. I've had many, many jobs, and none of them were in an office. And I realised that I loved kids, and pursued various jobs working with children.

And then, when I became a believer everything changed, and I started working in the "adult world." My path was completely different and God put me in a Christian bookstore. After that, it was always different ministry settings with adults.

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#### Tell us about your family.

My family now are Marla and Eddie (Swoffer) and the children, and a few relatives on my husband's side. My mom died last year. And my husband died in 2020, after which I stopped having so much connection with some of his children. I'm really close to Marla and her family, and they've been a huge support to me over the past five years as I try to adjust to being a widow. And I'm really glad that we can be believers together. I'm so blessed to have that Christian connection with them - I never had that with my parents. There was no one in my family who was a believer and, because I'm Jewish, they kind of rejected me, thinking that I couldn't be Jewish and Christian. So sitting in church and worshipping alongside my daughter and her husband, and my grandkids is such a blessing. I'm super proud of them and they bring me so much joy.

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

Oh, I always have free days! And I value it. I love being outside in nature, I love walking. I love reading and, when I'm in the right place emotionally, I do art - watercolors and art journaling. I have a cat who gets a lot of my attention. And if a friend wants to go out and do something, that's fun. I have a little spot in our communal garden where I grew herbs, and I love that. And I spend a lot of time talking to the Lord. I have a lot of time now, so I spend more time praying than I ever did before. I also enjoy learning, especially in the counseling realm. I'm really praying that God will use my life experience to help other people, especially in the areas of grief and loss.

#### What led you to decide to follow Christ?

I got married really young and had Marla, and was in my early 20s. My life was bottoming out; my marriage wasn't working out, and I ended up getting involved with someone I shouldn't have. It was in that time that someone invited me to attend church. I'd never been to church; I'd never opened a bible. My parents were atheists and told me that there was no god, but I always believed in God. I always wanted a connection with God, but never knew I could have one. Then I started attending this church, and that was it. It all made sense. I gave my life to the Lord and asked the pastor to pray with me.

### **Pray:**

- Julia Basch: Experiencing flare-up of postural tachycardia syndrome.
- Mike Basch: Broken wrist.
- Noel Dachauer: Wisdom on and healing for long-standing health issues.
- Students, teachers, and education staff returning to school.
- Tim Swanson: Recovering from fungal infection.
- Jenn Welch: Recovering from major surgery on 03/27 to remove all cancerous areas.
- Devon & Ashley Litchfield: Married on 6/21.
- Linda Saunder's son:
   Recurrence of benian tumor.
- Jeff Marshall: Healing and endurance for him and Renee
- Shirley Oliver: Undergoing treatment for cancer.



### Pray for Pastor Tim

- Praise the infection was detected in its early stages.
- For relief from the side effects of his medication.
- That his PICC line does not get infected.
- That the infectious emboli in his leg would continue to dissolve without causing further problems.
- For the identification of the right drug to suppress this... lifelong
- That God would miraculously heal him.
- For courage, stamina, and peace for Alisa as she cares for him.





Marla was 5, and I needed to get away from this guy, because he and I were both involved in drugs. I wanted to follow the Lord, but this guy didn't, so I had a foot in both worlds. I stopped going to church for some years, and when I went back, I was told that I should marry this guy, so I did. And that was that - we were together until he died in 1999. But it was hard.

He was a believer, but he never got free of the drugs. He was a really gifted guy and he could have done many things, but the drugs ruined it all. However, I was really growing in the Lord. Once I knew the truth, I was all in with it. The Lord made Himself real to me in so many millions of ways, and I never looked back. And He supported me, in part by surrounding me with believers.

If I could do it all over, I would do it that way again, but the Lord hasn't wasted those years. As Romans 8:28 tells us, He uses it all. And my experience of those difficult years have helped me to help others

I met my second husband, Steve, in 2001 and we married in 2002. He was the love of my life. He absolutely was a believer and that meant it was a completely different kind of marriage. We were both in Christ and he supported me so much, including as I started my counseling business. Then, when he developed dementia, I became his full-time carer until he died in 2020.

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

One thing I'd say is to really get to know the people because it's a very, very unique (in my opinion) group of people. They're really worth putting the effort into getting to know. There are so many caring people and so many strong believers. Connect in with the body somehow - whether that's serving or just talking to people.

Listen carefully to what comes from the front. Everyone who preaches there has something valuable to say, and God's going to use that in your life. And enjoy the worship - it's so good!

Participate and be involved - it's lifegiving!



Man Camp 2025 - Registration Now Open!

#### October 3-5, 2025

Join us for our Fall Men's Conference at the beautiful Harbor Lite Lodge in Fort Bragg, which offers comfortable hotel rooms and a spacious two-story conference room for inspiring meetings and shared meals. This year, we're excited to hear from R.W. Mackey on Friday & Saturday, and Greg Thomas on Saturday & Sunday. Don't miss this unique opportunity to connect, grow, and make lasting memories with your brothers in Christ.

This weekend offers us the chance to step away from our regular routines to be refreshed by the Spirit through time in His Word, fellowship with His people, and relaxation in His awesome creation along the Mendocino coast.

**Who:** All guys from Redemption Hill Church and Windsor Christian Church, in high school and older, are invited to attend.

**Food:** We will provide a BBQ dinner prepared by Guy Fieri on Friday evening and breakfast on both Saturday and Sunday mornings. There are many restaurants in the area for lunch and dinner on your own Saturday.

**Activities Available:** Hiking, Biking (both mountain and road), Golf, Shooting Range, Ax Throwing, Board Games, Beach, Deep Sea Fishing, Hang Out & Relax

#### **Accommodation Options & Cost:**

- \$470/person- Single occupancy room (King Bed) (includes registration)
- \$255/person- Double occupancy room (Two Queen Beds) (includes registration)
- \$188/person- Triple occupancy room (Two Queen Beds + Cot) (includes registration)
- \$50/person- Registration only (provide your own accommodation)





#### **Points for Prayer**

- Practical and spiritual preparations for trip with Wheels for the World (Oct. 18-25).
- Progress in learning Spanish beforehand.
- For the Lord's equipping by the Holy Spirit, for her to serve in a way that honors Him and glorifies Jesus in everything.
- For strength and stamina for the long days of work, and for protection and safety for her team during travels and time in Costa Rica.

If you would like to financially support Robin's ministry, please go to <a href="https://secured.joniandfriends.org/fundraiser/6420507">https://secured.joniandfriends.org/fundraiser/6420507</a> or scan the QR code:



### NEWCOMERS' LUNCH

SEPTEMBER 7 12 p.m.



Mark your calendar! If you've not yet been to a Newcomers'

Lunch, we warmly invite you to join us on September 7<sup>th</sup>. This informal lunch is a great opportunity to get to know the church's leadership, hear some of our family story, and share some of yours. We'd love to get to know you better.

Sign up via the website: www.RedemptionHillSR.org or scan this OR code:



Newcomers' Lunch



Today is an All-Age Service and children (pre-school and up) will remain in the service throughout. Coloring crayons for the activity pages in this bulletin can be found in the Foyer. Children's Ministry will resume next Sunday.



## **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):

Restarts on Sept 3. 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays.

Contact Kellen for more info: kellen@RedemptionHillSR.org





#### Get In Touch

Mailing address: P.O. Box 571, Santa Rosa, CA 95402 office@RedemptionHillSR.org Tel. 707-576-0130 Office hours: Tues 9 am - 5 pm

#### 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!**

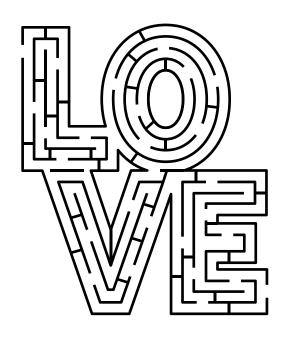
We'd love to get to know you better and welcome you into our family. If you're ready to get connected, please fill out a few details and leave this in the offering box on the back wall of the Sanctuary. Or, better still, scan this code and fill it out online. Someone will be in touch soon.

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