

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

REDEMPTION HILL CHURCH



This Week: Pastor Tim Swanson will be preaching on Exodus 8:1-32

TOTAL TRANSFORMATION

by Sarah Mee

What's Going On

Sun. 09/20

Sunday Worship @ 10am;
John & Estera Vatron visiting

Sun. 09/27

Sunday Worship @ 10am
(Exodus 9:1-25); Communion
Sunday

Tue. 09/29

Food Distribution @ 12:30pm

Wed. 09/30

Youth Discipleship @ 7pm

Sun. 10/04

Newcomers' Lunch @ 12pm

10/16-10/18

Man Camp

Sat. 10/24

Harvest Party

Spiritual resurrection means that we are, in a sense, living in heaven while still on earth, living in the future while still being in the present. - Timothy Keller

Last Saturday women from Redemption Hill joined others from around Sonoma County and beyond for the NorCal Women's Conference. We learned what it means to be a new creation in Christ and to live in the already/not yet tension of our resurrection. The speaker was Gloria Furman, who traveled sixteen hours from Dubai just to lead us for the day. During her flying visit, she led us on a whistlestop tour of the Bible, showing us how it tells one story. She drew out some of the parallels and the differences between the first creation and the new creation. Then she zoomed in to help us see what it means that followers of Jesus Christ will be resurrected just like he was. We marveled at the Big Picture, and we contemplated the deeply personal.

I came away with a deeper understanding of what it means to grow in Christ-likeness. I had become dull to what an awesome and profound privilege it is to be made in the image of God. On the

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most fundamental level, it affects what it means to be a human — both what we are and what we ought to be. The Lord pointed me again to look at the one who does not simply bear the image of God but who *is* the very image of God. Jesus Christ did not just *do* good works, *say* wise things, and *act* lovingly; he *is* goodness and wisdom and love. God caused me to wonder anew at the glorious perfections of Christ and to be humbled by the stunning fact that Christ's followers are, right now, being remade into his perfect image.

When we think of the word "image," we often think of a photo or a likeness. But being made in the image of God is more solid than just a mental picture. God is the archetype — the beginning form or mold — and we are the ectype made out of that mold. We are made in His form as little, non-divine copies of God. Like an ice tray forms shapeless water into ice cubes in its likeness, we were made to bear the likeness of God in every fiber of our being. Yet, I am a long way from what I was meant to be — I have borne the image of those lesser things that I've revered. Jesus has promised to re-form me and to make me perfect, even as he is perfect. But I need to be melted down and reconstituted. This is a painful process so I shouldn't be surprised when it's hard. I realized that I'm not so much a fixer-upper in need of attention as I am a wreck that He's in the process of rebuilding from the ground up — like a Jeff Caldwell-style house remodel!

But God has promised that He will do it, and in fact, He's already begun. He tells us in 2 Corinthians 5:17 that "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation." Those who have turned away from their sin and turned to Christ have been born again (1 Peter 1:3). Because Jesus has been raised, my spirit has been raised with him, and he will one day raise the rest of me. There is a long, long way to go! Nonetheless, day by day, he is renewing me in knowledge in the image of my Creator (Colossians 3:9). He is changing my affections and appetites to love the things that He loves.

The Lord has given me a new perspective on my struggle with sin and fresh eyes to see what He is doing in the world around me. This gives me strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow. All things are leading toward the day when Christ returns to

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Pray:

- Jeff & Sarah Caldwell: Married on 08/08.
- Mary Campbell: Recovering from knee replacement 06/29.
- Steve Campbell: Praise for successful foot surgery on 08/04; pray for recovery.
- 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.
- Cliff Durham, Risa Zillion, & family - following the passing of Cliff's step-dad, Jim.
- Alana Gass & family - following the passing of Alana's son, Joey.
- Dan Hughes: For the right employment opportunity that allows him to honor God, serve the community, and earn a sustaining income.
- Kathy Hughes: CT scan mid-September, following-up from June's radiation treatments for lung cancer. Pray for a good result and that no further follow-ups will be needed.

judge the living and the dead and to reconcile all things to himself (Ephesians 1:10). Having already paid for the sin of his people on the cross, he will complete the good work that he has already begun in us (Philippians 1:6). We will be fully, finally, and forever transformed to perfectly bear the image of our glorious Savior, that we worship and enjoy him for eternity.

Keller, Tim. Hope in Times of Fear: The Resurrection and the Meaning of Easter (Viking, 2021). p. 119.

CHURCH OF THE MONTH



**Windsor
Christian**
—Church—

Praying for God's Work in Northern California

Prayer Requests:

- Parenting Class beginning in September: Pastor Lance and Jill will be launching a parenting class and we already have new families signing up. Please join us in praying for that this class can be a blessing for these couples.
- Sunday Night Events: we will be launching Sunday night events once a month beginning this Fall. Pray for wisdom as we plan these events to minister to our church and school families.
- Please continue to pray for our leadership as we seek wisdom to identify men and women for future discipleship.

Prayer Continued:

- Greg Jackson: God's guidance and direction, family reconciliation.
- Kevin Moore: Comfort over continued grieving over his daughter, Christine.
- Jenn Welch: Pray that the 5 nodules identified by CT scan are benign and harmless.
- Ben Benning (Carolyn VanGorkom's father) - recovery from a broken hip; for Carolyn & Melody as they care for him in Cameron Park.

**POST-
SERVICE
PRAYER**

Today

Communion
Next Week



Celebration of Life

The celebration of life for our brother in Christ, Jim Zilian will take place at Redemption Hill on October 3, 2026, at 1pm. A reception with finger foods will follow the service. Jim will be missed dearly, and the family would love to celebrate his life with all of you.



Newcomers' Lunch October 4th 2026

Newcomers' Lunch

If you've started attending Redemption Hill in the last 12 months, 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. To sign-up, scan the QR code above or visit the church website:
www.RedemptionHillSR.org



Missionary of the Month

Robin Williams



Wheels for the World
Outreach
Costa Rica
October 10-18

Points for Prayer

- For the recipients, and their families, who will be coming to the wheelchair distribution: that their hearts would be open to receiving the message of Christ and that many souls will be saved during that week.
- For my 15-person team and our leaders: that we would be models of Christ's love and care for these families; that we would bond well and be unified in our mission.
- For safety and health during travels and the mission.



If you would like to support Robin's ministry financially, you can do so by scanning the QR code above or visiting:
<https://qrco.de/bgC9WZ>

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)."

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MAN CAMP 2026

FRI, OCT 16 - SUN, OCT 18

Join us for a great weekend at Harbor Lite Lodge in Fort Bragg that will be packed with fun activities and impactful sessions from our guest speaker, John Fernandez. Man Camp is open to guys who are in high school and over.

Friday, 10/16- Registration begins @ 4PM
Sunday, 10/18- Last Session ends by 12PM

Accommodation Options & Cost:

Sign up now for Early Bird Pricing!

(All prices increase by \$15 after 9/20. Registration closes on 9/27)

Single occupancy room (King Bed) (includes registration)- **\$485/person**

Double occupancy room (Two Queen Beds) (includes registration)- **\$270/person**

Triple occupancy room (Two Queen Beds + Cot) (includes registration)- **\$205/person**

Registration only (provide your own accommodation) - **\$75/person**

- All options include Saturday meals, Sunday breakfast, and speaker honorarium

Scholarships Available

Student Discount: 50% off for HS and college students.

(Pay full rate and submit registration email to RHC Office for reimbursement).

Available Activities: Hiking, Biking, Golf, Shooting Range, Ax Throwing, Board Games, Beach Fishing... or just hang out & relax!



Guest Speaker

John Fernandez

Pastor @ Grace Church of Napa Valley
Professor @ Cornerstone Seminary

Scan the QR code to sign up today or visit
RedemptionHillsR.org/ManCamp



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 meets on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays.
Contact Kellen for more info: 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:



"Be it as you say, so that you may know..."



**...that there is no one like
the LORD our God. "**

Exodus 8:10