



ECHOES

Drawing near to God to
make and equip disciples
and to live as faithful
followers of Christ.

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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From The Rector the

Rhythm For a Christian's Life

In his book, *The Rhythm of Life: Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose*, Matthew Kelly wrote, "The glory of God is the perfection of the creature. There is no better way to honor life and God than to strive to become the best version of yourself." His point is clear. The best way for us to give glory to God, as followers of Christ, is to be intentional in embracing a life that will lead us in becoming the person, and the people, that He created us to be. And that perfect life, full of joy and peace and purpose, is to be with God.

*"Drawing close to God takes a
life choice and a plan for our
journey in getting there."*

The intentionality that we seek can be outlined within a rhythm for our ongoing lives that serves to help us "Draw near to God to make and equip disciples and to live as faithful followers of Christ." Once we have drawn up close to God, the actions of that life become second nature...really first nature, as they should be. But as we are getting there it takes a life

choice and a plan for our journey in getting there.

During our past Advent season, members from Redeemer gathered to discuss and develop a suggested rhythm for our lives at Redeemer that will serve to bring us into the relationship with God that God desires. We came to understand that a Rhythm for Our Christian Life is both a choice we make and a minimum pattern for our Christian journey so that, by embracing one, we move closer and closer to God. It is then, through that deeper, more authentic, relationship with our Creator, we become who we say we desire to be.

The Rhythm for Life that is being offered now to each of us includes the following six disciplines which we hope all of us will receive and embrace faithfully for our journey together.

1. Pray Daily. It is unreasonable to think that we can draw near to God if we do not endeavor to have an ongoing, daily, relationship with Him. Daily prayer is essential in this relationship. From the time we rise in the morning and put the day ahead into His hands until we

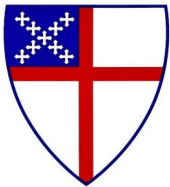


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Vestry Meeting Summary

The summary for the monthly Vestry meeting can be found on our website or posted on the bulletin board outside the office. Go to www.CORSCG.ORG monthly for a detailed summary of the topics, discussion, and decisions which transpired during the last Vestry meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING



The Annual Meeting to elect our convention delegates and welcome our new vestry members will be on

Sunday, January 21, 2018 between services. Please plan to attend this important meeting and welcome our 2018 Vestry.

All members of the 2018 Vestry will be installed on Sunday, January 7, 2018.

The first Vestry meeting of 2018 will be the annual retreat on January 13 & 14.

ECHOES

Are you receiving our monthly edition of Echoes in the mail? JANUARY Echoes is on its way....delayed by the holidays!

If you have not received Echoes, call the parish office to find out why. If you have, please share it with friends! Want to help fold Echoes? Email Sue to find out the next date for folding...many hands make light work.

Contributions of photos, articles or events for Echoes are always welcome. Please submit by the 22nd of the month. We are still looking for an Editor for Echoes. Please pray with us to find someone soon.

From Christian Ed

Christian Education has had a blessed year in 2017

I thank everyone who has supported or helped our successful youth programs this year. It's been busy.

The youth have led or been involved in activities and programs such as: Dove's Nest, Youth Yard Sale, Pancake Dinner, Summer of Service, Pumpkin Patch, EYC, Project Host Soup Kitchen, and Random Acts of Kindness. At the end of our year, we have lots to be thankful for. Our youth have completed a really full schedule with the help of many.

Continuing to build that solid foundation with proven activities, we are also exploring new ideas for this new year, along with maintaining our teaching of God's lessons. Looking in the future we hope to shape a growing program for the church, while following Jesus.

I pray that 2018 will be even better. Please think of our youth programs when planning your activities for the upcoming year. We look forward to spending time with the youth in our church. Let's make the most of our time!

Respectfully,
Joseph Butchko
Vestry Member- Christian Education

Dates to Remember

January 13 & 14
Vestry Retreat

January 21
Annual Meeting
Between Services

January 28
Organ Celebration
2:00 PM

GO GAMECOCKS!!

Sue & her family spent New Years at the Outback Bowl and watched up close as our Carolina Gamecocks beat Michigan in an unbelievable finish to the New Years Day battle in Tampa Bay.



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Every Sunday at 9:40am



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Catherine Johnstone, *Nursery Director*
Lori Hawkins, *Christian Ed Director*
Sue Bannio, *Bookkeeper*
Gabriel Santamaria, *Sexton*

Vestry Members

Betty Boesch (2017) - *Senior Warden*
Robbie Hamilton (2017) - *Junior Warden*
Judy Planck (2017) - *Worship*
Greg Brown (2017) - *Pastoral Care*
Stephany Austell(2018)-- *Outreach*
Robbie Hamilton (2017) -*Buildings & Grounds*
Judy Derrick (2017) -*Finance*
Meg Coffey(2018) - *Communications*
Joe Butchko (2019) - *Christian Ed*
Stewardship & Membership
Jack Blackburn (2019) & Wallace Lightsey(2018)
Fellowship
Betty Lupo(2018) & Janet Poleski (2019)
Amos Irwin - *Treasurer*
treasurer@corgsc.org
Annette Burdette, *Clerk*

The Vestry meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Minutes are posted on the bulletin board outside the Parish Administrator's office.

Echoes

Is a monthly newsletter of The Church of the Redeemer,
Deadline for submissions is the 22nd of each month.
Submit written info to the church office, fax 277-6330, or email to Sue Bannio — parishadmin@corgsc.org

Christian Ed

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends.

Now that most of the hustle and bustle has come to an end, I am looking forward to enjoying the twelve days of Christmas and spending some quality time enjoying the season.

Thank you to everyone that participated and helped with our Christmas pageant on Christmas Eve. It is always such a sweet service and something the children and adults look forward to each year.

Redeemer is what
WE choose to make it

Now that the New Year is here what do you think 2018 will hold for us at Redeemer? Our church is truly a special place with such wonderful people that really care about us and our community. Every Sunday we pray for growth spiritually and physically. I think all of us would like to see more people, old and new, to become more active by coming to church on Sunday mornings and participating during the week when we have special activities. I don't say these things to get on a soap box. I say these things because I need this place and HIM in my life every day! We all fall short on a daily basis (me sometimes hourly or by the minute).

I feel like there is no better place than Redeemer for us to continue to learn how to be better, and be a disciple for HIM. We are blessed to be part of this special place. We are here for each other whether it is a shoulder to cry on, a hand to hold, a hug to give, or to spread laughter. Let us all make the commitment to continue to grow Redeemer both spiritually and physically.

Redeemer is what
WE choose to make it.

Love, Peace, and Blessings
Lori Hawkins

Important Dates:

Sunday school will resume

Jan. 7 at 9:30.

Come and see what we are learning.
We need you and your children to make it even better!

E.Y.C.

Jan. 7 and 21

Youth in grades 6-12 join us in The Dove's Nest from 5-7pm
Ski Trip: 2/2- 2/4 at the Jernigan's mountain home

Questions ? Contact Lori Hawkins
at lhredeemer@gmail.com



Photo Directory Available on our Church Website

The Church's pictorial directory has been uploaded to the Church's website. Follow these steps to access it:

1. Go to the website, www.corgsc.org.
2. Click on the "Members Only" tab in the middle of the top of the home page.
3. When you are on the page with "Welcome to the Members Area," click on the "People" tab at the top. This will open a drop down window – click on "2017 Photo Directory"
4. Click on the picture of the Church and enter the code provided right above the picture.

You can now access Redeemer's address, phone and email information from your computer, tablet or smart phone! It is available only to members of our Redeemer website. If you are not a member, go to the website and become one today!

Pastoral Care Ministry – Transportation

There have been requests from time to time for parishioner transportation needs (doctor office visits, pick up prescriptions, to and from hospitals treatments, attend the 8:30/10:30 Sunday and Wednesday church services). Pastoral Care is looking to develop a list of individuals who would be willing to help with such transportation needs.

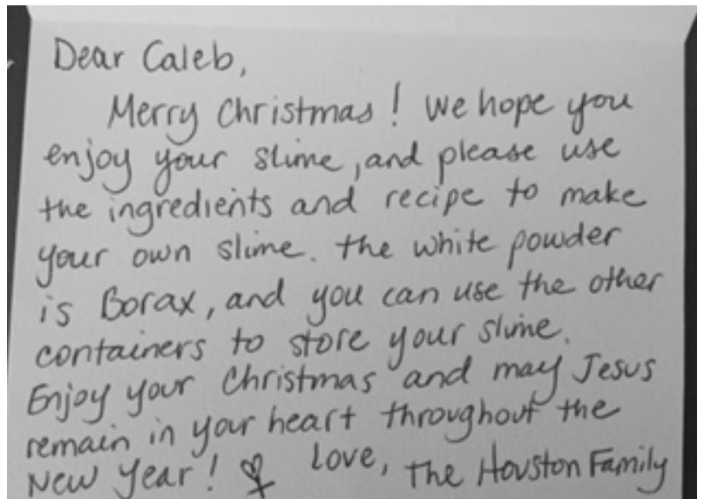
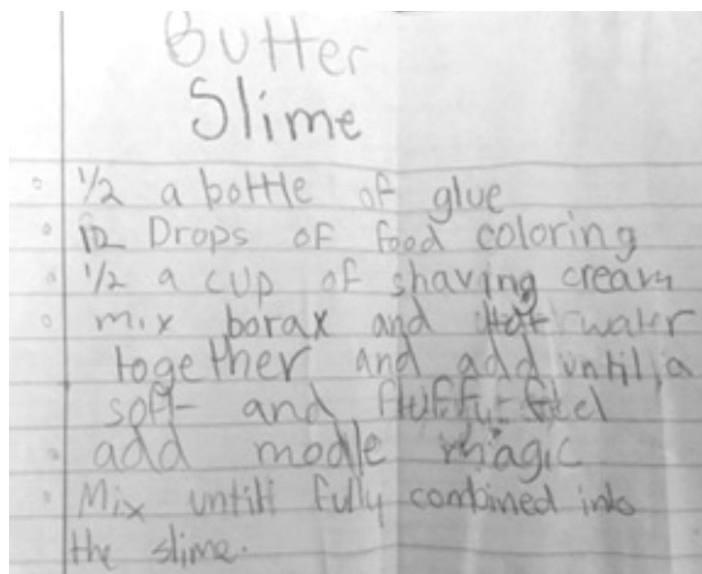
If you feel that this might be a ministry that the Lord is calling you to help with please contact

Sue Bannio (864.277.4562,
parishadmin@corgsc.org) or

Greg Brown (Pastoral Care Leader –
864.346.9124,
gregdbrown2@juno.com)

ANGEL TREE

Redeemer Families were so generous this Christmas with their gifts to the Angel Tree. Our friend Caleb received not only the gifts from the tree, but also the sweetest handwritten recipe for Butter Slime!



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this Redeemer Outreach mission.

We made Christmas a little bit brighter for the Berea Middle School Children!

In memory of our friends who were called home by the Lord in 2017

Diane Bailey April 26

Mary Allen August 25

Charles Hawkins September 14

Gloria West laid to rest in the garth on September 29

Mary Ann Wood December 26



slip off to sleep having given thanks for His guidance and blessings, we need to commit to be on a continuous walk with God. Prayerful communication is necessary, if this is going to be possible.

2. Gather in Worship Weekly. Gathering weekly in worship not only gives us the opportunity to enter into a deeper communion with God, but it also deepens our relationship with each other. God uses both to help us build the life He desires for us. Through regular, weekly, personal worship, God transform our lives and brings joy. By gathering together in community for such worship, God builds His church and empowers a mission that can not exist through individuals alone.

3. Study Faithfully. We cannot know God's word for our lives, if we don't engage it. God wants to teach us of His way so that we might find truth and happiness, but requires that we choose to do so. If we will not commit to seek His wisdom through the various forms he sends it to us, he will allow us to rely on our own wisdom, which is a losing prospect. Proper study, guided by God's Spirit, both individually and together, opens the door to God's leading and teaching and serves to bring us to the holy life God wants for us.

4. Serve Others. Serving in God's world is evidence of the faith that lives within us. As James wrote, if one's faith in God does not lead to our playing an active part in God's mission to bring His love to the world, that faith needs to be further evaluated so that it can be appropriately strengthened. Serving others in the world also shows us a closer vision of Christ through those we serve, as God show them to us through His eyes of love. Those who we serve are both beyond the walls of the church, as well as in the next pew.

5. Share Your Story. We are part of God's ongoing story of salvation . Because of that, we

must know and share how God has touched our lives, as well as the part we are playing to share God powerful presence for others.

6. Give Generously. ...just as God has so abundantly blessed us. God does not instruct us to give to His mission in the world because God needs our money. He asks us to embrace the mission because He knows that through faithful giving we find our true selves and peace and happiness.

The abundance that we will find at Redeemer is directly linked to the life that we choose, individually and together. Our Rhythm For Life is offered to help us find that life that we are called to. I hope that we will embrace it faithfully.



Redeemer's Rhythm for a Christian Life

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1. *Pray Daily*
 2. *Gather in Worship Weekly*
 3. *Study Faithfully*
 4. *Serve Others*
 5. *Share Your Story*
 6. *Give Generously*

Redeemer Outreach

2017 saw our church reaching out in so many ways!

We supported **Shoes4Water** mission in Kenya

Pet food collected for **Meals On Wheels** program.

The Redeemer Yard sale in June raised \$2400 for Outreach projects.

Serenity Place
Spent time with the children and donated many quilts to the families in this program.

Dedicated mission work by Gary Powell in Thailand to support oppressed Christians.

Shriner's fundraising walk. We supported and enjoyed the celebration of 90 years in Greenville!

Thanksgiving Altar – provided food for our local needy families.

The **ARCUM Pumpkin Patch** raised \$4,200 for the local charities – Mother Theresa House, Pleasant Valley Connection and Samaritan House.

Support **Pleasant Valley Connection** with fundraising efforts, Board support, and tutoring.

Rebuild Upstate – worked to refurbish a home's kitchen, porch and handicap entrance.

Supported the **Juvenile Diabetes Walk**

Christmas Angel tree provided a complete Christmas for under privileged children.

PROJECT HOST
Soup Kitchen – saw Redeemer volunteers on multiple Sundays serving the local needy by providing a hot meal.

Collected coats and warm clothing for the needy.

Financial support was given to support the **Men Who Read** literacy program.

Rectors Discretionary Fund provided aid for housing, utilities, food and other needs as they arose.

Food and toiletries continuously given out our front door for emergency help

January Readings

Date	1st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel
January 7	Genesis 1:1-5	1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
January 14	Psalms 29	Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17	Psalms 62:6-14	Psalms 111
January 21	Acts 19:1-7	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	1 Corinthians 8:1-13
January 28	Mark 1:4-11	John 1:43-51	Mark 1:14-20	Mark 1:21-28

Samaritan House

We are collecting Canned Corn for Samaritan House for the month of January.

*Your generosity in providing food for others is greatly appreciated!!!
Thank you!*

Noteworthy....

**If you are 70½ or older,
let the IRS donate to
Redeemer.**

You may be aware of this already, a relatively new provision has been made permanent.

You can donate any of your withdrawals from your IRA to your favorite recognized charity (Church of the Redeemer, Samaritan House, Pleasant Valley Connection, etc) **TAX FREE**. This includes the mandatory dispersal after age 70 ½. You will have to fill out an extra form and have the money issued directly to the charity. But then you see directly the full benefit of your savings, without losing 25 % or more to benefit the nation.

Check with your tax advisor on limitations as to the type of IRA and the amounts of donation possible.

Rick Hankinson

Volunteer Opportunities

This month we have some volunteer opportunities available:

Echoes Editor -This volunteer or team of volunteers will collect and organize articles, information, and photos in an established format. Uses Microsoft Publisher and Word. Training is available. (contact: Sue Bannio)

Office Angels—Would you like to help in the church office with various projects that need to be completed? If so, contact Sue at the Parish Office to help.

Ushers—one time per month during service.

Flower Guild—once time per month commitment. As a volunteer you are responsible for getting the flowers and setting them up in the church. (contact: Lauren McCullough)

January • Ministry Schedule

	January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28
8:30 am Greeters	Wallace Lightsey Gene Cornett	Jack Jackson Michael Plante	Betty Lupo Janice Ryskamp	Pat & Jack Blackburn
Crucifer	Katie Broderick	Bill Lee	Debbie Price	George Poleski
Lector 1	Margaret Lee	David Poleski	Rick Hankinson	Betty Boesch
Lector 2	Judy Planck	Bill Lee	Meta Goodman	Phyllis Webb
Altar Guild	Dick & Margaret Lee	Betsy Walt Susan Butler	Sandy Oliver Meta Goodman	Jane Anderson Judy Planck
10:30 am Greeters	Lee Quinn Paulette Carpenter	Dinah Johnson Debbie Price	Beth & Robbie Hamilton	Meg Coffey Ann Meade
Crucifer	Riley Hawkins/John Helm	Matthew Derrick	Thomas Jennings	Will Derrick
Banner	Joseph Ethan Hawkins	Kimberlee Warren	Will Jennings	Ryan Ginn
Torch 1	Sarah Meade	Sadie Butchko	Malain Houston	Sarah Meade
Torch 2	Sadie Butchko	Maggie Plante	Jackie Houston	Caleb
Lector 1	David Mill	Andrea Helm	Joe Butchko	Cynthia Wilson
Lector 2	Dot Sanders	Wallace Lightsey	Katie Houston	Bill Lee
2nd Chalice	Stephanie Austell	Betty Boesch	Meg Coffey	Dot Sanders
Altar Guild	Margie Hankinson Katie Broderick	Janet Poleski Jane Anderson	Bricelyn Cantey Judy Derrick	Cindy Wilson Stephany Austell
Flower Guild	Louise Heizer	TBA	TBA	TBA
Counters	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA



January Birthdays & Anniversaries



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| 1 Bruce Eason | 11 Gretchen Groundsell | 20 Ralph Goodman |
| 2 Kyle Meade | Maria Webb | 21 Joe McCullough |
| West Plante | 13 Delmas Allen | 22 Debbie Price |
| Trey Skardon | 14 Jason Houston | 26 Craig Groundsell |
| 3 Ann & Kyle Meade | 15 William Meade | Margaret Plante |
| 5 Paige Russo | 16 Betty Herrin | 27 Pat & Jack Blackburn |
| 7 Judy & Scott Derrick | Lauren McCullough | 28 Steve Rutterbush |
| Laurie & Tom Ethridge | 17 Daniel Derrick | 31 Katie Broderick |
| 8 Frances & Jason Zacher | Will Derrick | Gwen Lance |
| 10 Julie Hayes | 18 Morgan Helm | |

We apologize if your birthday or anniversary does not appear. Please notify the parish office (parishadmin@corscg.org) to help update our records.

JANUARY**2018**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	2	3 12:00 pm AA Meeting	4	5	6 11:00am AA Meeting (Purser Hall) AL-ANON Meeting (Transept) 5:00 pm Hispanic Service
7 8:30am Holy Eucharist 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Holy Eucharist 5:00 pm EYC	8 9:00am Classical Conversations 6:00pm ACOA Meeting 8:00pm Al-Anon Meeting	9	10 10:30 am Service Communion with Healing 12:00 pm AA Meeting 6:00 pm Handbells 6:00pm Finance Meeting 7:00 pm Choir	11 3:00PM YAMS	12 6:30PM Vestry Meeting	13 11:00am AA Meeting (Purser Hall) AL-ANON Meeting (Transept) 5:00 pm Hispanic Service 8:00AM Vestry Retreat
14 8:30am Holy Eucharist 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Holy Eucharist	15 9:00am Classical Conversations 6:00pm ACOA Meeting 8:00pm Al-Anon Meeting	16	17 12:00 pm AA Meeting 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Choir	18 3:00PM YAMS	19	20 11:00 am AA Meeting (Purser Hall) AL-ANON Meeting (Transept) 5:00pm Hispanic Service
21 8:30am Holy Eucharist Annual Meeting 10:30am Holy Eucharist 5:00 pm EYC	22 6:00pm ACOA Meeting 8:00pm Al-Anon Meeting	23 6:00pm Worship Committee Meeting	24 10:30 am Service Communion With Healing 12:00 pm AA Meeting 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Choir	25 3:00PM YAMS	26	27 11:00am AA Meeting (Purser Hall) AL-ANON Meeting (Transept) 5:00pm Hispanic Service
28 8:30am Holy Eucharist 9:30am Church School 10:30am Holy Eucharist	29 9:00am Classical Conversations 6:00pm ACOA Meeting 8:00pm Al-Anon Meeting	30	31 12:00 pm AA Meeting 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Choir			



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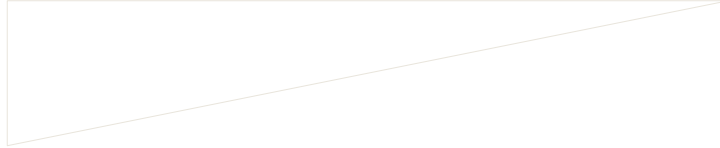
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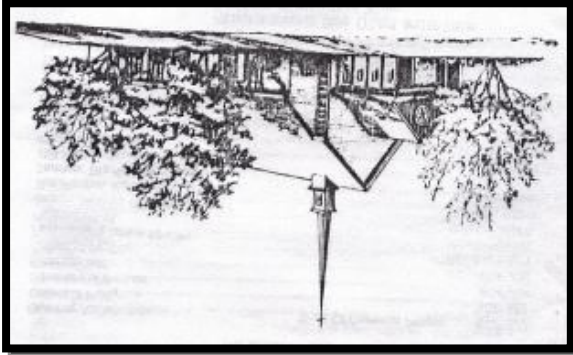
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Do you know anyone who would like a copy
of our Echoes newsletter? send us address
changes via email: parishadmin@corgsc.org.

**Worship times:
Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am
Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 10:30am Healing Prayer &
Holy Eucharist**

Come Join Us!