

DECEMBER 7, 2025

REDEEMER WEEKLY

REDEEMER CHURCH OF PIKESTON, OHIO



-THE MORNING MESSAGE-

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FAITH EXPRESSED: IN PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND RESTORATION

JAMES 5:13-20

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As we reach the closing words of James's epistle, we encounter a beautiful summary of what genuine, living faith looks like in practice. Faith that rests on Christ is never private or isolated—it expresses itself in prayer, confession, and a heart that seeks the restoration of those who have wandered.

In this passage, James calls us to rely not on our own strength, but on the gracious means God provides: prayer, the care of the church, and the ministry of God's Word. Whether in suffering or joy, in weakness or spiritual struggle, faith turns our hearts to God.

We see that faith:

- Turns to God in All Seasons – In suffering, we pray; in joy, we praise.
- Seeks the Ministry of the Church in Weakness – The elders pray and anoint, pointing us to Christ's healing and mercy.
- Acknowledges the Need for Community – Confessing sins and praying for one another fosters healing and spiritual growth.
- Prays with Confidence in God's Power – Like Elijah, we have a God who hears the prayers of His people.
- Pursues Restoration of the Wandering Brother – Faith leads us to lovingly bring those who have strayed back into fellowship with Christ.

This week, we will explore how Christ-centered faith is active, humble, and communal. May the Lord strengthen us to live out our faith in prayer, loving fellowship, and the restoration of those He places in our care.

Soli Deo Gloria!



IF YOU LOVE ME

***If you love Me, you will
keep My commandments.***

—John 14:15



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How is our love for God demonstrated? Scripture answers plainly: through our obedience to His teaching. Love, in a biblical sense, is not merely an emotion; it is a willing submission to the revealed will of God. For John, the true test of love is obedience: “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.” — 1 John 5:3

Elders and Teachers



Keith Boothe
Pastor/Elder



Jason Boothe
Pastor/Elder



Greg Flannery
Bible Teacher

This connection between love and obedience is not new. The Old Testament consistently ties love for God to the keeping of His commands: “You shall therefore love the LORD your God and keep His charge, His statutes, His rules, and His commandments always.”
— Deuteronomy 11:1

From just these few passages, we clearly see that obedience is the evidence of genuine love for God. The believer who walks in obedience is the believer who loves the Lord. Some love Him more than others, and the fruit of that deeper love is a closer relationship with Him and a greater understanding of His ways. If we were perfect, we would love the Lord completely and love our neighbors as ourselves without fail.

The abundant spiritual life Jesus promises is inseparably tied to walking in loving obedience to Christ. This abundance is not material prosperity—it is the joy, peace, and contentment that flow from daily fellowship with Him.

Soli Deo Gloria!



Church Life News

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Blessing Box Food Drive

Please bring in non-perishable foods for donation each Sunday as we stock up our Free Store Blessing Box to help families in need.



Gallipolis in Lights 2025

We will be visiting the Gallipolis in Lights display again this year on Saturday, December 13, 2025. We will leave from Waverly, Ohio at 4:30 PM and caravan together to see the lights. We will stop for dinner at Kentucky Fried Chicken of Gallipolis, Ohio (it's tradition!). It is always a super fun trip. Invite friends and family to join us.



Winter Fellowship Meal

Winter Fellowship Meal, Sunday December 21, 2025 following services. Everyone is invited to bring a carry-in dish. The church will provide the main course.

The Church at Worship

Sunday December 7, 2025

11:30 AM



Opening Songs

Pastoral Prayer

Keith Boothe

Psalm Reading

Greg Flannery

Song

Sermon

Jason Boothe

Song

Closing Prayer

Keith Boothe

Nicene Creed

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



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