

January 2007

Linking us with the ministries of our church

Women's Ministry Recent Highlights

On December 2 about 100 ladies gathered in the fellowship hall where they enjoyed warm fellowship and a delightful Merry Mugs and Muffins program featuring our international friends **Verena Burrows, Patience Ekwue, Szandra Kadar, and Kalina Muzhchil**, who told about Christmas traditions in their homelands. Beautiful music was provided by **Ina McCormack, Josh Bailey, Laura Martin, Heidi Regier** and **Nikki Geiger**.

On December 16 Women's Fellowship sponsored a Tour of Homes that featured five homes festively and uniquely decorated for Christmas. Everyone was warmly welcomed by the hosts — **John & Beth Allen, Danny & Fran Fletcher, Stu & Dorothy Howe, Earl & Dorothy Robison,** and **Cathy Williams**. A special "thank-you" to these hosts for inviting us into their homes for this event.

Men's Ministry Upcoming Events

Breakfast, January 20, 8:00 AM: Make plans now to gather, eat, laugh and pray with Redeemer men. **Steve Porter**, our missionary to Nigeria, will be the keynote speaker. Cost is \$3.

Men's Retreat, April 20-22: Once again we plan to spend the weekend at Lake Bridgeport fishing, gaming, and growing in Christ with other men. If last year is any indication, you don't want to miss this year's retreat. More details will be provided in the coming weeks.

Mark Your Calendar for the Annual Meeting, January 28

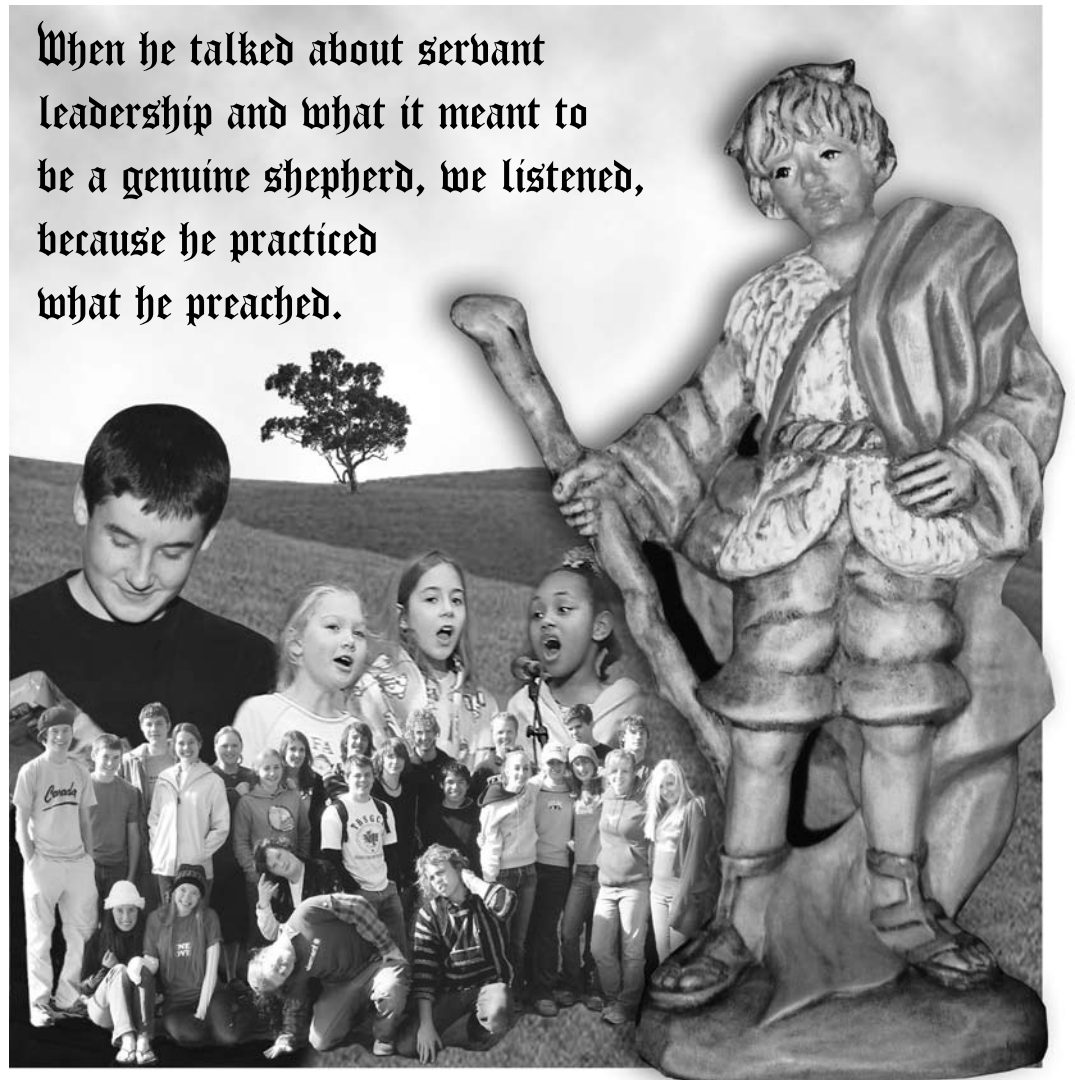
Members of Redeemer should plan to attend the annual congregational business meeting at 7:00 PM on Sunday, January 28. Regular attenders are also invited. At 6:00 we'll enjoy hamburgers with all the fixins', enthusiastically prepared and served by our Boy Scouts.

The meeting will include a review of

the year 2006; a look at the year ahead; consideration of the 2007 budget; and the election of two elders, three deacons, and members of the finance and nominating committees. See page 4 for information about the nominees.

You may pick up your annual report on Sunday, January 21.

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In a Word

You can make a difference

Don Geiger, Senior Pastor

After a stressful-but-good first year at Dallas Seminary, I had rushed back to Tennessee to help my parents get Cedar Lake Camp ready for another summer of campers. Hebrew, Greek, Bible and Theology classes, along with work and ministry with the kids at a little church in Irving all combined to make the year stressful. A young, happy, witty, superb teacher who had joined the faculty that year helped make the year good. Everybody just called him *Howie*. Over those four years of seminary training, Professor **Howard Hendricks** profoundly impacted my life — and those of countless others. And not just through his creatively practical courses. What happened early that first summer will help explain.

My parents, a few teenage boys, and I were frantically cleaning, mowing, painting, repairing, lining courts, and training in order to be ready for opening day just two weeks away.

Unannounced and unexpected, Howie showed up and joined the work crew, volunteering, among other things, to paint our WPA-built outhouses! Some life-lessons are better modeled than preached, though he did manage to slip in a lesson or two while wielding his brush: “Geiger, you’re working these boys too hard. Go buy some Cokes and give them a break!”

My classmates and I took everything Howie taught during those four years — Bible Study

Methods, Homiletics, Leadership, Christian Education, Soteriology, and others. When he talked about servant leadership and what it meant to be a genuine shepherd, we listened, because he practiced what he preached.

Prof Hendricks’ ministry impact has long since gone global, yet his enthusiasm for training young men and women for ministry is undiminished. His energetic creativity and continued growth challenge and inspire us all. You will be informed, motivated, inspired, and blessed by his ministry to us on Sunday, January 28.

Most of us can’t teach, train, motivate, and entertain like Dr. Howard Hendricks. God broke the mold after he made Howie. We can, however, keep growing, genuinely care about and selflessly invest our lives in others in an endless variety of ways, including some that may not seem to be practical or an efficient use of our time. Surely Howie could have thought of more productive ways to spend his week than riding a Trailways bus 800 miles to the rural hills of Tennessee to paint outhouses, but who could have guessed the impact of that impractical investment?

Your investment — mine — in someone’s life, however small and seemingly inconsequential, will make a difference, sometimes in ways and to a degree we will discover only in eternity. To that end, as the saying on my study wall daily reminds me, **Follow your good impulse!**

In a word, **you can make a difference!**

In a final word, be sure to hear and meet Prof Howie Hendricks on January 28!



Howard Hendricks, guest speaker January 28

Kudos

Troop 48 honored **John Kelley** for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout at the Eagle Court of Honor on December 6. John is the fifth Boy Scout from Troop 48 to earn the highest rank in scouting. Congratulations, John!



Jana Newcomer was awarded the 2006 Citizenship Award by the Exchange Club of Rowlett on December 7. This is the second year that Jana was selected out of 2,300 students by her teachers at Schrade Middle School for her outstanding character, integrity, and care for teachers and students. Congratulations, Jana!



Welcome New Member!



Richard Lane

Getting to Know You: Steve and Deborah Snell

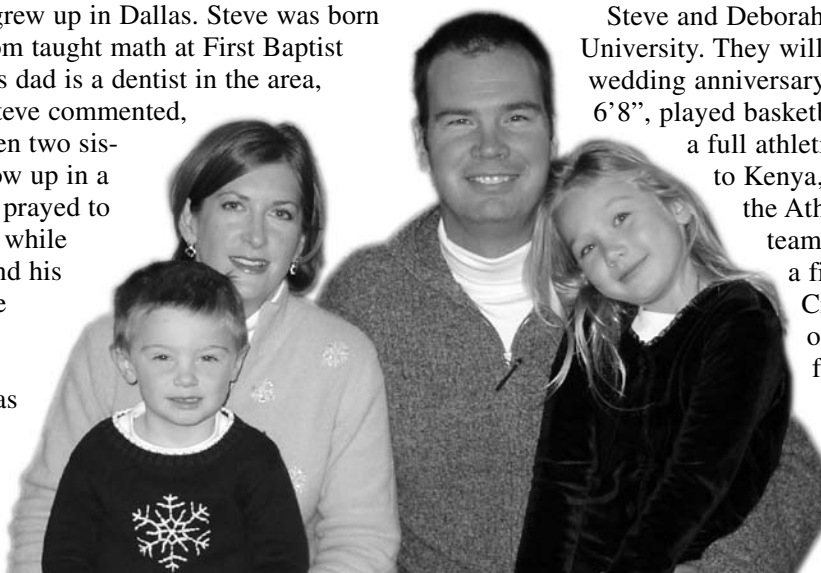
Tommie Loveless

Steve and Deborah Snell grew up in Dallas. Steve was born at Baylor Hospital, and his mom taught math at First Baptist Academy for twenty years. His dad is a dentist in the area, and still practices part-time. Steve commented, "I was the middle child between two sisters!" Steve was blessed to grow up in a strong Christian home, and he prayed to trust Christ on April 11, 1977, while talking with his mom. Steve and his family were members of Grace Bible Church.

Deborah, born in Austin, moved with her family to Dallas at age ten, upon her dad's decision to attend Dallas Seminary. She has two older twin brothers and a younger brother. Her parents, **Walter and Elaine Steitz**, were

Campus Crusade for Christ missionaries. Walt passed into the Lord's presence in 2004 while they were serving in Singapore. Elaine is a member of Redeemer and enjoys singing in the choir.

Deborah related, "I loved growing up in a Christian home, and I received Jesus into my heart at the age of four while attending a Campus Crusade Kids Camp in Colorado. The Holy Spirit touched my heart early; however, more recently, with the sudden death of my dad, I have grown in the depth of my relationship with the Lord."



Steve and Deborah met at John Brown University. They will celebrate their fifteenth wedding anniversary on January 18. Steve, 6'8", played basketball all through college on a full athletic scholarship. He traveled to Kenya, Africa, while playing on the Athletes-in-Action basketball team. For nine years he has been a firefighter/paramedic for the City of Mesquite. "Since my occupation gives me several free days a month, my dad and I started *KidzRail*, a trackless train business that goes to children's events, so kids can ride the train. I also operate a small lawn business and enjoy remodeling/handyman work as well."

Deborah worked in human resources until she became the mother of **Stephanie**, 6, and **Samuel**, 3. Two cats, Simon and Patch, round out the family. The Snells have lived in Sachse for four years. Before moving to Sachse, they restored two historic homes in Hollywood Heights/Santa Monica neighborhoods near White Rock Lake. They love worshipping at Redeemer and feel they have been blessed by the staff, the teaching, and the children's ministries, as well as developing lasting friendships.

Going...Going...Gone!

On February 17, Women's Ministry is conducting an all-church auction in the fellowship hall. If you've wanted to own a watercolor by **Patricia Harder**, quilted wonders by **Beth Winterbauer**, or a wood nativity set by **Don Geiger**, here's your chance. **Larry Foster** is the auctioneer, and he'll be selling off many originals created by RBC artisans, as well as services performed by several from the congregation. Everything must go! All items and services go to the highest bidder.

Whether you are nine or ninety, plan to come. We need donations of your art, crafts, and services to make this a success. If you're not artsy/crafty, how about donating a service, baby-sitting, yard work, etc.?

All proceeds will go to refurbishing the room across the hall from the sanctuary. To donate original artwork, crafts or services, contact **Sandy Sparks** (214-503-0485).

Missions Opportunities

World missions is vital to life at Redeemer and in January we have two opportunities to become better informed and more involved. **Steve and Ruth Porter**, along with daughters **Angie** and **Julie**, will be in Dallas for the month and will be at Redeemer on the 21st. For 18 years the Porters (Nigeria) have sustained ministries of dentistry, evangelism, and discipleship. If you would like to have the Porters over for a meal, please call the church office.

There is still time to enroll in the *Perspectives* course, which begins January 15. If you are interested but undecided, you may attend the first 3 classes free before deciding to join.

You will hear outstanding missions leaders, including **Jim Adams**, President of CAM's Guatemala seminary and **Vic Anderson**, until recently one of our own missionaries. This 16-week nationally recognized missions course will enrich your life and enlarge your vision for the world for which Christ died. Full information is available at the church or by calling missions chairman, **Paul Ramler** (972-476-9959).

Nominees to Be Voted on at Annual Meeting

In preparation for our annual business meeting on January 28, here are the nominations for your consideration for 2007:



Stu Howe – Elder.

- retired (1994) aerospace engineer
- met wife, **Dorothy**, when calling to ask her sister for a date; married 52 years
- has 3 children, nine grandchildren, and six great grandchildren; all (currently) in Texas
- drawn to Redeemer by friendliness of people, teaching of Scriptures, and opportunities to serve
- involved in Berean ABF, care group, Seasoned Saints, Elder Board
- enjoys organic gardening and finding creative ways to re-use “junk”



John Morgan – Elder.

- retired (2004) electronic engineer
- met wife, **Carol**, on a horseback riding blind date; married 42 years
- has 3 children, five grandchildren; all in north Texas
- drawn to Redeemer by quality of worship and sound teaching
- serves on Audio-Visual Team and Elder Board
- enjoys radio-controlled airplanes, antique radios, playing harmonica
- has 2 cats, 2 birds, and a dog



Glenn Clark – Deacon.

- practicing dentist for 30 years
- met wife, **Angie**, at a Bible study just after dental school; married 27 years
- daughter, Rachel, is due to graduate from Baylor University in 2007 with a masters degree
- drawn to Redeemer because it is a neighborhood church with solid Bible teaching, friendly people, and traditional worship
- involved with Deacon Board, usher ministry, and exterior construction projects
- enjoys woodworking, photography, walking, and traveling with Angie



Lillian Rees – Deacon.

- home-based photography and health products business for 25 years
- met husband, **Leonard**, at John E. Mitchell Company in 1969; married 37 years
- has 2 daughters living in Dallas and Denton
- drawn to Redeemer because of many good years with folks from Reinhardt Bible Church
- serves on Deacon Board and is involved with usher ministry and greeting ministry
- enjoys Colorado – hiking, snow shoeing, and driving back-country roads “with Len and my tiny toy-poodle, Annie”

“We feel at home”

- serves as usher and on lawn maintenance team
- enjoys family activities: kayaking, basketball, quail hunting, golf and RV trips



Janna Pickering – Nominating Committee.

- currently, a receptionist; formerly, owned two garden centers and sold real estate
- met husband, **Bob**, in the sixth grade; began dating as high school juniors in OK; will be married 50 years in August 2007
- have 2 sons (one in TX, one in AL) and 5 grandchildren
- drawn to Redeemer by seeing the sign; popped in on ladies taking down Christmas decorations; and **Patricia Harder** invited her and Bob to sing in the choir before they had

- ever attended a service
- involved with the sanctuary choir, bell choir, as a discussion leader for Women’s Fellowship, Discipleship ABF, two care groups
- enjoys her two “rescue girl” dogs, “Jingle Belle” and “Gypsy”; was part of the first graduating class of Oklahoma State University (previously known as Oklahoma A&M)



Todd Stallings – Deacon.

- oil and gas geophysicist since 1985, independent since 1997
- met wife, **Connie**, in 1986 at a Bible study in Midland, Texas; will celebrate 20 years of marriage in March 2007
- 3 children: ages 5, 9, and 10
- drawn to Redeemer initially because of its teaching and proximity; stayed because



Sandy Sparks – Finance Committee.

- currently a homemaker after 25 years of banking
- met husband, **John**, in 1970 through friends; married 16 years in February
- drawn to Redeemer because of good past history with Reinhardt; “instantly felt like home”
- involved with Finance Committee, Women’s Fellowship, Piecemakers Quilters, and a care group
- enjoys watercolor painting, decorating, reading, and taking walks with Yogi (a Yorkie-Schnauzer named for John’s favorite baseball player, Yogi Berra)

Meeting Location:
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