

January 2011

Linking us with the ministries of our church

## Midweek Schedule Resumes January 12

- 5:30-6:15 PM** Dinner, \$4 (max \$12 per family)
- 6:00-7:00 PM** Handbell rehearsal, room 213
- 6:00-7:30 PM** Boy Scouts, Oasis
- 6:00-7:00 PM** Library open
- 6:00-8:30 PM** Childcare, infants through age 5, rooms 203, 206
- 7:00-8:30 PM** Adult Choir rehearsal
- 6:30-6:55 PM** Prayer Meeting
- 7:00-8:00 PM** ICR Creation class, room 120 Jr Hi - Adults
- 6:45-8:00 PM** Pioneer Girls, grades K-5, room 212
- 8:00-9:00 PM** Hideaway Bible Study, College room
- 9:00-11:00 PM** Coffee House, College & Career, Oasis

## First Friday is Parents' Night Out (PNO)

Parents' Night Out is a ministry to Redeemer families. On the first Friday of the month, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM, all children (ages infant-5<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to come to a night of fun with their friends while parents enjoy a night out. Friday, January 7, will be the next PNO. See you then!

## Annual Meeting January 30

Members of Redeemer should plan to attend the annual congregational business meeting at 6:00 PM on Sunday, January 30. Regular attenders are also invited. At 5:00 we'll enjoy hamburgers with all the fixins', prepared and served by our men's fellowship.

The meeting will include a review of the

year 2010; a look at the year ahead; consideration of the 2011 budget; and the election of three elders, four deacons, two nominating committee members, and one finance committee member. See page 4 for information about the nominees.

Pick up your annual report on January 23.

## Redeemer to Host Creation Series

Beginning January 12, RBC is pleased to be hosting a nine-week Creation Series in conjunction with the Institute for Creation Research. Each session will be taught by a leading expert in creation science and will provide insights on the Bible and science. Because this information is so vitally important for all Christians, everyone from Junior High through adult will be encouraged to attend. See the schedule below.

Each session will be one hour in length and will conclude with a time for question and answers. If you attend a Christian School or are a home schooler ACSI-approved CEUs are available (1 credit for all 9 lectures). For more information call 214.615.8300, or email [soba@icr.org](mailto:soba@icr.org). More information on the speakers is available at [www.ICR.org](http://www.ICR.org).

- January 12** Dr. John Morris "The Fossil Record"
- January 19** Dr. Randy Guliuzza "Genesis and Science Support Programmed Filling, Not Natural Selection"
- January 26** Dr. Henry Morris III "The Biblical Case for Creation"
- February 2** Mr. Frank Sherwin "God Fills the World: Programmed Design I"
- February 9** Mr. Frank Sherwin "God Fills the World: Programmed Design 2"

- February 16** Dr. Nathaniel Jeanson "Answering Every Evolutionary Attack: How the Nature of Science Changes the Origins Debate"
- February 23** Dr. Nathaniel Jeanson "Why Are We So Similar? Defending Genesis from the Evolutionary Attack of 'Homology'"
- March 2** Dr. John Morris "The Genesis Flood & Mount St. Helens"
- March 9** Dr. Randy Guliuzza "Created Fully Functional: Why Evolution Cannot Explain Design Through Gradual Changes"

## From the Pastor's Pen

### "Now about the collection..."

Doug Hornok, Senior Pastor

When it comes to money in a local church there tends to be two extremes: those who rarely talk about money and those who rarely talk about anything else. The former are afraid of sounding greedy and manipulative while the latter consider wealth a spiritual birthright of all Christians. For the one, money is an enemy, for the other, an entitlement.

The apostle Paul would take issue with both groups. Paul was unashamed to issue what amounts to a passionate and persistent appeal to the Corinthians that they contribute generously to the impoverished church in Jerusalem (1 Cor 16:1-4). His appeal was based upon a crisis that had befallen the church. The reasons for this grave situation were numerous: in addition to overpopulation, there was social and economic ostracism, disinheritance following conversion, disruption of family ties, persecution, and the lingering effects of the famine of AD 46 (cf. Acts 11:27-30).

In doing so, Paul provides us with profound insight into the nature of God's grace, our giving, and the joy that is found in the convergence of the two in the life of the believer.

Paul writes: *Now about the collection for the Lord's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. Then, when I arrive, I will give letters of introduction to the men you*

*approve and send them with your gift to Jerusalem. If it seems advisable for me to go also, they will accompany me.* (1 Cor. 16:1-4)

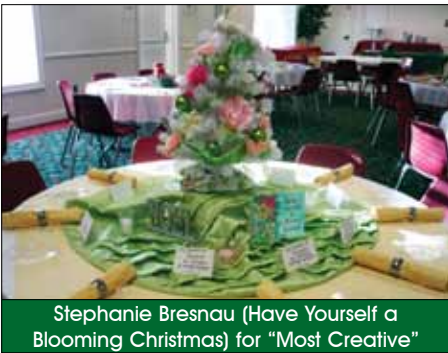
These verses provide for us four important insights regarding our giving to the Lord. Paul says that giving is to be: **purposeful** ("for the Lord's people," cf. Gal. 6:10); **periodical** ("on the first day of every week"); **private** ("each one of you should set aside a sum of money"); and **proportionate** ("in keeping with your income").

As Christians we face countless enemies to the welfare of our souls, be it pride or lust or bitterness or envy. But few are as powerful and relentless as greed, which is at the root of our unwillingness to give. We are all familiar with the power it exerts on our hearts and the struggle each of us has to break free of its dominion. Hollywood's determination to mock, deny and undermine Christian values was on vivid display when Michael Douglas, in the movie *Wall Street*, declared "Greed is good....Greed works."

So how does one deal with greed? What is the most effective counter-attack to this insidious force? The one truth that has the power to liberate our hearts from the grip of greed and release in us the joy of generous giving: "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2 Cor 8:9).

As you plan for the New Year ahead pray that God will give you a heart for giving: giving your time, talents and resources. Not to give at all, or to give disproportionately to your income (which is the case with most Christians today), or to give grudgingly, is indeed sin. Let us be joyful and generous in our giving. After all, everything we own belongs to God anyway!

## Women's Ministry



Stephanie Bresnau (Have Yourself a Blooming Christmas) for "Most Creative"

Women's Ministry finished the year in fine form with two holiday events! Merry Mugs "with a twist" (photos here are of winning tables decorated by talented ladies in the church!) and Holiday Home

Tour (our thanks to the four Redeemer families who opened their beautifully decorated homes to us). What a festive finish to our year!



Bebe Kennedy & Kris Dain (Reason for the Season) for "Most Traditional"

Our Spring program will kick off on Tuesday, January 18. The new format of breaking into Small Groups as part of the Bible Study was so popular that we are going to continue

with a similar program this Spring. The Study was faith-building for all; many spoke of how enriching it was to be able to develop deeper relationships in Small Group. One woman shared that "the Study challenged and changed my life." We will have an opportunity to continue to grow our walk with God through another video series Study, as well as hear from guest teachers who will speak on timely subjects. Looking forward to being with all of you again. If you didn't join us in the Fall, come join us this Spring!



Monique Byron (Joy All Around) for "Most Fun"



Fran Fletcher (Green & Gold) for "Most Festive"

# Getting to Know You: Jim and Louise Jenkins

**Tommie Loveless**

Featuring **Jim & Louise Jenkins** in the *LINK* is a wonderful way to begin the New Year at Redeemer! Both were born in the Dallas area, and grew up in Christian homes. This resulted in Jim making a profession for Christ at the age of twelve, and Louise at age eleven. Despite their similar backgrounds, they did not meet until they studied at the University Of North Texas (UNT), where Jim graduated in 1958. They were married, August 30, 1957. In 1970, Louise returned to UNT to finish her Elementary Education degree, and began teaching, after enjoying being a homemaker while their children were small. In 1980, she completed a Master's degree in Elementary Education at East Texas University, and continued to teach until she retired from the Dallas Independent School district in 1998.

Once again, Jim & Louise followed much of the same timeline, as Jim retired in 1997 from a successful forty-two year management career with State Farm Insurance.

The Jenkins have been blessed with two sons and a daughter, who are married and still live in close proximity. They also have eight grandchildren, two of whom have married and given them two great granddaughters. Happily, Louise shared, "We enjoy our family get-to-gathers, even though they can get a little lively at times!" Being interested in family events, Louise has created & edited family videos. She has also developed a new interest in genealogy. Jim enjoys reading and



photography, having done some wedding photos in the past. Together, they love to travel. Jim added, "We have enjoyed cruising with friends. The cruise to the Greek Isles is one of our favorite trips."

Jim & Louise served as co-directors of the Precept classes at First Baptist, Dallas, and worked with Teens and Young Married's at Seagoville Baptist. Jim served as a Deacon on both church boards before coming to Redeemer. One of their favorite volunteer ministries has been *Operation Care Dallas*. Jim explained, "Every December this group has a birthday party for Jesus, and invites all of the homeless people to come. Buses are

sent out to bring them to the Dallas Convention Center where 6-8 thousand are fed and given items of clothing and children's gifts. They are also witnessed to, entertained, and just loved on!"

Louise concluded, "When we moved from Seagoville, in 2000, we knew it was God's will, and we feel now that He wanted us to be part of the Redeemer fellowship. We are truly in love with the church body, and we have felt very welcomed! God Bless Redeemer Bible Church!" We, "like God," feel that you are where you should be!

And we are thankful, Jim and Louise, that you are members of the Redeemer family.

## Angel Tree: How We Did

This Christmas, thirteen local families were blessed by the ministry of Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree program. As our church family graciously provided fifty gifts for these twenty-five children, the love of Jesus and the hope of the gospel were delivered to these families in two ways. First, several gifts were delivered to homes. We saw first-hand the joy and thankfulness of these caregivers as the gifts were presented on behalf of their incarcerated parent. Many families seemed encouraged that the children had something special at Christmas time. Second, we hosted an Angel Tree party at Redeemer, welcoming families from our neighborhood into the fellowship hall for an evening of food, games, presents, and fun. The children arrived to see the wrapped gifts under the tree and a warm welcome from several people serving in our church's children's ministry. Thank you so much for your generous ministry to these families.

*The Link* is Redeemer Bible Church's monthly newsletter, produced by the pastoral staff, Brad Hepp (layout), and various contributors.

## Time for a New Directory!

By now you've seen the posters hanging around the church. You've received the letters, flyers and announcements. But now it's time to really get the ball rolling on this year's pictorial directory! It's been a while since the last edition of our pictorial directory so we're excited about everyone's participation. In order to make this year's directory a success, we need everyone to attend your personal photography session at the church, where you will be photographed and view your proofs immediately following. It's just that easy! And don't forget, you will receive a **complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory** from Lifetouch just for participating. If you haven't had a chance to schedule your session, call or email **LeEtta Detrich** today at 214-340-3633 or [LeEtta@redeemerbiblechurch.org](mailto:LeEtta@redeemerbiblechurch.org). You can also schedule online at our Web site: [www.redeemerbiblechurch.org](http://www.redeemerbiblechurch.org).



Remember 2005?

# Nominees to Be Voted on at Annual Meeting, Jan. 30



## Gene Burrows—Elder

- software engineer for CA Technologies (19 years)
- met wife, Verena, at Bible school; married 27 years

- two adult children, one teaching in Costa Rica, the other graduating TWU in 2011
- attends Discipleship class, sings in choir, taught C3 Class and coordinates RBC's IT needs



## David Higgins—Elder

- self-employed paint and wallpaper contractor (38 years)
- met wife, Nancy, as teachers at Dallas Christian Academy in 1962; married 44 years

- 4 adult sons (all in Texas) and 9 grandchildren
- active in Discipleship Class (ABF)
- elder responsible for benevolence ministry



## Scott Shaffer—Elder

- born and raised in New York, moved to Texas in 1998
- mechanical engineer for a New York-based company

- met and married Pam at First Baptist Church of Honolulu; married for 29 years
- four children: Cameron (21), Braden (19), Regan (17), Jared (15)
- served on RBC Pastoral Search Committee and has taught the Sojourners ABF for 4 years



## Karen Kennedy—Deacon

- independent property & casualty insurance agent (11 yrs)
- met husband, Bill, through mutual friends; married 38 yrs

- 2 children by birth, 2 by marriage; 2 grandchildren and expecting third grandchild
- third deacon term; responsible for Wed night meals, Sunday morning coffee, Thanksgiving banquet and fellowships times at RBC



## Jerry Piering—Deacon

- self-employed carpet and upholstery cleaner (7 years)
- met Julie during college in San Marcos through common friend

- 3 grown children and two grandchildren; all live near Garland, Texas
- in charge of ushering ministry, Mid-week and men's breakfast chef
- active in Koinonia Fellowship



## Bob Porterfield—Deacon

- retired after working for CAM International (9 yrs), Blue Cross Blue Shield of TX (16 yrs) and Santa Fe International (14 yr)

## Bob Porterfield (continued)

- met wife, Shirley, in singles group of First Baptist Church, Dallas; married 44 years this March
- one adult daughter who lives in Dallas
- active in Berean ABF and with Seasoned Saints' luncheons
- 2nd term on Deacon board



## Charlie Reibenstein—Deacon

- self-employed, registered architect (26 years)
- met wife, Janet, at a hamburger joint during a dart tournament; married 34 years

- three married adult sons; 4 grandchildren, expecting 5th
- serves as Koinonia Fellowship Leader, midweek meal chef, in charge of RBC security



## Brian Coppinger—Nominating Committee

- ABF Discipleship Class leader
- usher and part-time ABF teacher
- member of the 200-Verse Club

- married to Janet for 24 years; met at UNT
- self-employed courier (6 years)



## Carolyn Owens—Nominating Committee

- met and married Don in Delaware in 1956
- charter member of Redeemer

- worked in the nursery and the church office
- member of the Koinonia ABF



## Jonathan Tarry—Finance Committee

- payroll analyst for Southwest Airlines (5 years)
- met wife, Kellie, at Casa View Baptist; married 14 years

- serves at midweek meals
- second term on Finance Committee
- attends Sojourners ABF

## We Are Grateful for Your Service

Retiring officers, thank you for your faithful and excellent service!



Left to right: Brad Hepp (nominating committee), Larry Foster (Elder), Paul Ramler (Elder), Karen Shoholm (nominating committee)

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