

## Annual Meeting Review

Meeting held on Sunday, Jan. 28

**Attendance:** 150 voting members  
**The following nominations were approved, as was the 2007 budget:**

**Board of Elders**

- Stu Howe
- John Morgan

**Board of Deacons**

- Glenn Clark
- Lillian Rees
- Todd Stallings

**Finance Committee**

- Sandy Sparks

**Nominating Committee**

- Janna Pickering

## Summer Dates

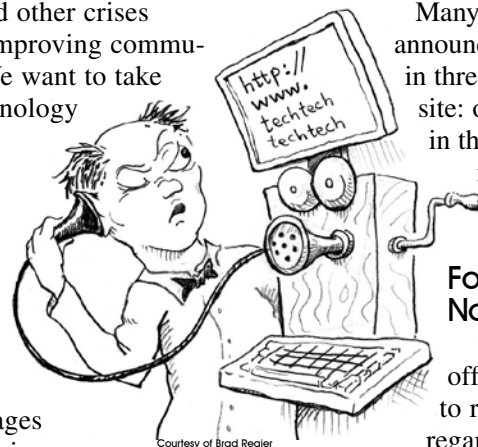
- May 5** Evelyn Hinds as Corrie ten Boom
- May 23** Last Midweek until September 12
- May 24-28** Girls of Grace Summer Retreat in East Texas
- June 2-16** Geiger Island Family Camp in Tennessee
- June 16-24** Geiger Island Teen Guys Week in Tennessee
- June 16-24** Troop 48 Philmont Trek in New Mexico
- June 18-29** West Dallas Community Youth Outreach
- June 19-22** Camp GAP Preteen Summer Camp in Cedar Hill
- July 1** Patriotic Evening Service
- July 8-14** Troop 48 Summer Camp
- July 23-27** Vacation Bible School
- July 27-29** Youth Summer Retreat to Carlsbad Caverns

## Communications at Redeemer

Recent icy weather and other crises sharpened our focus on improving communications at Redeemer. We want to take advantage of current technology and harness the creative, cooperative spirit of our church family.

### For Those Who Use the Internet...

We recently added several e-mailing lists. This will allow us to efficiently send e-mail messages to specific audiences. Joining our existing rbcfamily and rbcprayer lists are rbcwomen, rbcmen, rbcyouth, rbcscouts, and rbcgirlsofgrace. To sign up for the e-mail lists that you want to be on (as well as updating or removing your e-mail address) click on the "E-MAILING LIST" link at the bottom of our **HOME** page: [www.redeembiblechurch.org](http://www.redeembiblechurch.org).



Many of our most important announcements can be found in three places on the Web site: on the **HOME** page, in the **CALENDAR**, and in the online version of this newsletter (**RESOURCES** page).

### For Those Who Do Not Use the Internet...

Please call the church office if you prefer to receive phone calls regarding urgent news (prayer requests, cancellations, etc.). We will be glad to accommodate such requests.

### For Everyone...

Finally, we value your suggestions. How can we improve our communications? Tell someone on the church staff. Call them or e-mail them from the Web site's **CONTACT** page.

## Arts and Crafts Auction Feb. 17, 3:30 PM

Stained glass by **Jerry Loveless**; paintings by **Patricia Harder, Sarah King, Maggie Lord, Hazel Sandlin, Sandy Sparks** and **Larry Waters**; pen and knife set by **Bob Ibach**; wooden nativity puzzle by **Don Geiger**; home decorating consultation by **Fran Fletcher**; carpet cleaning of an entire house by **Jerry Piering**; jewelry by **Judy Crelia** and **Jeanette Mull**; wood carvings by **Ray North**; teeth whitening by **Milvern Harrell**; architectural consultation for interior remodeling by **Charlie Reibenstein**; hand sewn items by **Linda Rose, Beth Winterbauer, and Janee Cordell**; family portrait by **Lillian and Leonard Rees**; flower arrangements by **Starr Franklin**; landscape consultation and

irrigation evaluation by **Bob Pickering**; and pastel picture by **Gale Perry**...are some of the many donations for Redeemer's first Arts and Crafts Auction. On February 17 at 3:30 PM **Larry Foster**, auctioneer, will take bids on items donated by Redeemer's many artisans. Money raised from this event will help fund a small redecorating project of Women's Fellowship.

Everyone is invited to this fun time. Come and bring your family and friends and enough money to bid on the item that you want! If you have questions about donations, please contact **Sandy Sparks** at 214-503-0485.



## In a Word

### You can be an encourager

Don Geiger, Senior Pastor

When the great 18th century American painter Benjamin West was a young boy, he decided to paint a picture of his sister while his mother was not at home. He got out bottles of ink and paint and started, but soon had made an awful mess. When his mother returned and saw the mess, instead of scolding him, she picked up the portrait and declared, "What a beautiful picture of your sister!" Then she kissed him. Later in life, Benjamin West said, "With that kiss I became a painter."

The awesome power of encouragement! We all know the energizing and sometimes life-changing impact an encouraging word or gesture has had on us in times of stress, loneliness, or discouragement; but we often underestimate the impact our efforts to encourage can have on others. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, German pastor murdered by the Nazis, "Do we really think there is a single person in this world who does not need encouragement? Why, then, has God bestowed Christian brotherhood on us?" So Paul wrote, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" (1 Thess. 5:11). We can't all teach, lead, sing, or preach, but we can all encourage one another and build each other up. We all need encouragement, and we can all be encouragers.

Encouragement is the giving of courage, hope, confidence, support, help, comfort, affirmation. The root word means "to draw alongside, to lift up." 1 Thess. 5:11, quoted above, nails

it perfectly with the words, *build each other up*. We know what it is and how much we need it. But we may underestimate the extent of our ability to encourage others. A little boy to his dad: "Let's play darts, Dad. I'll throw and you say, "Great shot!" It's as simple as a few genuine words of affirmation or appreciation. From Proverbs: "Death and life are in the power of the tongue. Good words can make an anxious heart glad. A soothing tongue is a tree of life. Pleasant words are sweet to the soul and healing to the bones" (Proverbs 18:21; 12:25; 15:4; 16:24). An old Japanese proverb has it, "One kind word can warm up three winter months." Our simple, sincere words of love, appreciation, affirmation, belief in another person can roll back dark clouds of discouragement and despair and flood a life with the sunshine of hope and joy.

Sometimes, especially in times of tragedy and grief, just being there and caring affords greater comfort and encouragement than any words we could say. A little girl went to comfort the mother of a playmate who had died. On her return, her mother asked what she did. "I just climbed up on her lap and cried with her."

Christian psychologist Larry Crabb: "Encouragement is not a technique to be mastered; it is a sensitivity to people and a confidence in God that must be nourished and demonstrated." Or as another put it, "Encouragement is like a peanut butter sandwich: the more you spread it around, the more it sticks together." Let's spread it around. Parents, encourage your children. Kids, you'd be amazed at the power of your words and kindnesses to encourage your siblings, parents, and friends. A phone call, brief handwritten note, email, a spoken word, or just your quiet presence will encourage and just may be God's answer to a desperate need. So, follow that good impulse to spread a little peanut butter.

In a word . . . be an encourager!

## New ABF to Launch

In the grace of God, Redeemer will launch its eighth Adult Bible Fellowship (ABF) on Sunday, February 25. The fellowship will be led by one of our elders, **Jerry Loveless**, and will be taught by one of our pastors, **Tony Gomillion**. If you have not yet locked into the lives of those in another ABF, consider visiting this newest one.

How might you decide if you need to participate in an ABF? Following is a short quiz that will help you answer that question.

- Are there people in the church who celebrate your birthday?
- If you were in the hospital, are you confident someone at church would visit?
- Are you satisfied with your knowledge of the Bible?
- Have you found a place to pursue your passions and use your talents?

If you answered "no" to any of those questions, then you are in a great position to be blessed by God through an ABF; and our newest ABF might be just what you need. Consider yourself invited.

Jerry and Tony are praying that God will bring a group of people together who seek to know God and make Him known, both here and abroad. Please take a moment right now and ask God whether or not you should attend this new ABF or one of our existing ones. Come. Be blessed. Be a blessing.

## Porters' Redeemer Visit

We were privileged to have **Steve and Ruth Porter**, along with **Julie and Angie**, in town from January 12 to February 4. The Porters serve through dentistry, evangelism and discipleship in Nigeria. They blessed the Redeemer family in many ways while they were here. Steve gave an encouraging report to the group at our men's breakfast. They also ministered in children's church, the youth group, the ABFs, and the midweek ministries. Steve preached on January 21. He emphasized the faithfulness

of God in their ministry. They are living examples of faithfulness as they serve the Lord in a very difficult part of the world. Please continue to serve *with* the Porters by praying *for* them.



Steve and Ruth Porter

# Getting to Know You: Evelyn Paris

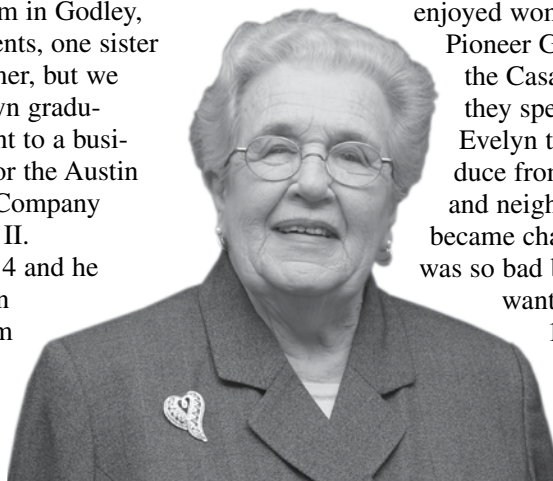
**Tommie Loveless**

**Evelyn Paris** grew up on a family farm in Godley, Texas. She stated, "I had wonderful parents, one sister and two brothers. My father was the farmer, but we all had a part in running our farm." Evelyn graduated from high school in Godley and went to a business school in Fort Worth. She worked for the Austin Company, which built the Consolidated Company located in Fort Worth, during World War II.

"I met my husband Jack when I was 14 and he was 16. We married at the family farm on August 31, 1946, after Jack returned from serving 33 months in the Navy."

**Evelyn and Jack** lived in Cleburne, where Jack was employed by the Santa Fe Railroad. Three years later, in September 1949, Jack was transferred to Dallas. Evelyn shared: "Jack said he went way outside the city and bought a new house for us. It was in a new addition — with cotton patches all around, and young couples, who were all starting new families! I still live in that house today... in Casa View!" One of their neighbor couples was **John and Doris Witmer**. Evelyn related that she attended a neighborhood Bible study that Doris started in the 1950's, and it was there that she received Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. Evelyn added: "I will be forever grateful for that time which brought me to Jesus."

In 1958 Jack and Evelyn became very active members of Reinhardt Bible Church, where Jack was a deacon, and helped with Boys Brigade and the general upkeep of the church. Evelyn



enjoyed women's ministries, Vacation Bible School, Pioneer Girls, and the nursery. She also worked in the Casa View schools. When Jack retired in 1985, they spent a lot of time on the farm in Godley. Evelyn told how they loved to bring back fresh produce from their garden to share with their friends and neighbors. She still goes there. In 1999, they became charter members of Redeemer. "Jack's health was so bad by then that he couldn't help out like he wanted to," Evelyn related, "and on February 16, 2003, Jack went home to be with our Lord." **Jack and Evelyn** shared 56 years together and were blessed with four sons: **Doug, Steve, Greg, and Tim**. They also have seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Evelyn added, "Steve and

his wife **Kay** also worship at Redeemer." Evelyn continued, "I was blessed to have cared for my mother, Jack's mom, my sister, and Jack through their last days on earth."

Evelyn concluded, "Through the eighty years that I have lived, there have been a lot of joys, as well as some bumps in the road. I am thankful to know the Lord will lead me the rest of the way and continue to help me to *live with what is!* This is one of Don's sayings! His teaching and caring have meant so much to me. As a widow now, I feel so blessed to have the Redeemer family to fill my spiritual needs, and to have such a dear, caring family close by." **Thank you, Evelyn**, for being a faithful believer, member, and caregiver. We love having you at Redeemer.

## Books and Butterflies

Do books and butterflies go together? They do for **Ray Crelia!** Ray tutors weekly at Martha Turner Reilly Elementary where he also serves as Chief Volunteer for the Reilly Garden. Reilly school recently won "Campus Yard of the Month" in the Dallas Independent School District. The garden has been featured by the *School Zone Dallas* broadcast in primetime on Channels 8 and 13. **Helen Stettler**, Reilly volunteer coordinator, thanks Ray and his "green thumb" for the school's increased recognition. The school will be rewarded with a new marquee.

Reilly's garden is used as an *outdoor* learning environment.

Ray also tutors *indoors*, as do **Fran Anderson** and **Irma Janicek**. You can hear more about this rewarding ministry at Reilly and other local schools at the Seasoned Saints luncheon on February 11 or by contacting **Lauren** in the church office.



## Troop 48 Hosts Second Annual White Rock "Advance-O-Ree"

Troop 48 hosted 142 local boy scouts who worked on completing 18 different types of merit badges on January 27. Many visiting scouts and adult volunteers expressed gratitude for our troop's hospitality and the use of our church building.



# Kids' Corner

Valentine's Day is a day to show love to one another. Our Pioneer Girls and children's Sunday school classes are showing love to children in hospitals by making them Valentine's Day cards. If your family would like to be involved in this project you can bring your valentine to the church office by February 8. See [www.kcbbi.org](http://www.kcbbi.org) for more information.

Jesus loved everyone, especially children. He showed it through his words and actions. Can you tell what Jesus is saying to these kids by matching the letters to the blanks below?

1      2      3                      4      5      6

7      8      9      10      11      12      13      14      15

16      17                      18      19      20



# Behind the Curtain

Quiet, steady, smiling, and almost always the last one to leave, **Charlane Rack** is a woman who lives a Romans 12 lifestyle that many of us only read or talk about. *“We have different gifts according to the grace given to us. If the gift is ... service, he must serve.”* Charlane does. She serves as a greeter, member of the Women's Fellowship Leadership Team, handbell ringer, and member of our Missions Leadership Team. She also keeps the nursery's linen washed and assists with the mid-week meal on an as-needed basis.

When asked why she is so active and service-oriented, Charlane responded, “I don't really know. I guess I just enjoy it.” She added, “Thinking back, I remember washing dishes at an apartment Bible study and my brother telling me, ‘Charlane, I think you have the gift of helps.’ Since then, I have thought about that some, and I think he's right.”



Something else Charlane has reflected on is a surprising way that God blesses serving: new and deeper relationships. Charlane observes, “With my personality, I don't say too much in groups, but when I'm working with people, I find that I talk with them more. Serving helps me speak.”

Her service truly speaks volumes — about her love for the living God and her church family. Romans 12 continues: *“Be devoted to one another with mutual love, showing eagerness in honoring one another. Do not lag in zeal, be enthusiastic in spirit, serve the Lord.”* Charlane, to a tee!

Charlane, thanks for the advice and your example. We, your church family, benefit from and are grateful for your Romans 12 lifestyle ... how you choose to serve the Lord through us. You are a blessing.

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