

February 2008

Linking us with the ministries of our church

Redeemer Calendar

February	
1	First Friday Childcare
6	GriefShare Begins
10	Seasoned Saints Luncheon
21	Seasoned Saints Game Day
24	Josh Bailey Ordination Service Variety Show
29	Pack 48 Blue & Gold Banquet
March	
7	First Friday Childcare
15	Pack 48 Pine Wood Derby
16	Missions Sunday
20	Seasoned Saints Game Day
21	Good Friday Service
22	Eggstravaganza
23	Easter
April	
3	Seasoned Saints Movie Day
4	First Friday Childcare
17	Seasoned Saints Game Day
19	First Aid/CPR/AED Training
20	Gospel Sing
May	
2	First Friday Childcare
11	High School Graduation Celebration
15	Seasoned Saints Game Day
21	Midweek Ends
29-June 10	Philippines Missions Trip
June	
6	First Friday Childcare
8	Seasoned Saints Luncheon
7-21	Geiger Island Family Camp
9-12	Girls of Grace Retreat
16-27	West Dallas Kids & Youth Outreach
19	Seasoned Saints Game Day
21-29	Geiger Island Teen Guys Week
21-29	Mexico Missions Trip
July	
13-13	Troop 48 Summer Camp
14	Patriotic Evening Service & Social
18-18	Vacation Bible School
17	Seasoned Saints Game Day
25- Aug. 3	Hungary Missions Trip
August	
1	First Friday Childcare
2-10	Guatemala Missions Trip
7	Seasoned Saints Movie Day
11-15	Children's Camp
21	Seasoned Saints Game Day

Variety Night at Redeemer, February 24, 6 PM

On Sunday, February 24, Redeemer will host an evening variety show featuring performers from the church family singing, playing, acting, and showcasing other amazing talents



and abilities you've got to see to believe. The entire family will enjoy this lively and fun "Ed Sullivan type" show, featuring performers ranging from preschoolers to seniors. The varied program will include a blend of entertainment, including music by Duke Ellington, an opera duet, drama, young singer-songwriters, a men's quartet, a scene from a musical, harmonicas, toddlers in tutus, and crazy impersonations. **Blake Barbre** will serve as the emcee. It's a fun, informal time the Redeemer family will enjoy. We'll welcome a few guest performers as well. Afterwards, we'll have refreshments provided by our Women's Fellowship. Make plans now to be here on Sunday evening, February 24. We'll see you there.

Thanks from Reilly Elementary

We are involved in a variety of ways at nearby Reilly Elementary — tutoring, mentoring, some maintenance, and providing financial help for needy students. In response, PTA President Tracy Munselle recently wrote, "Dear Church Members, we want to thank you for your generous contributions to Reilly Elementary School. They are very much appreciated. The donations will be used to fulfill the needs of those children here at our school who for various reasons need help. Some of the donation was used to purchase school supplies and clothing needs for children, as requested by our school nurse. The members of your

church are so kind to volunteer their time helping our students. This allows the teachers to better perform their duties, making Reilly a better school."

Helen Stettler, Partnership Coordinator, wrote the following:

I just wanted to thank you so much for your generous donation for student aid to our Reilly PTA. We do have many needy families at our school, and this will help us ensure that no child is hungry or needs clothes, or an extra helping hand during the holiday season. We appreciate you all very much and thank you most sincerely for your generous gift. Bless you all!



In a Word

Follow Your Good Impulses!

Don Geiger, Senior Pastor

How often do you have an impulse to write a note of appreciation for a job well done or for a solo beautifully sung? To phone a shut-in, to bake a pie for a sorrowing family or buy a sack of groceries for a needy person? To congratulate a young person for his or her accomplishment or do a little yard work for someone who no longer has the pleasure of planting her own flowers or pulling her own weeds? But how often does that impulse die aborning? Whether that good impulse is the gentle prompting of the Holy Spirit or is the response of your own generous spirit, it is worth doing. Its fruit will probably be far more significant than you could ever imagine. That note or call may provide the courage to go one more day, may even avert tragedy. It will surely bring a little joy and sunshine in what may be an otherwise joyless day.

Of the sixteen sayings that greet me each day as I sit at my home computer, *Follow your good impulses* hangs closest and most prominently, right at eye-level. And appropriately so. We all have experienced the encouragement, the lift, the sheer joy that comes when we are the recipient of someone else's good impulse — that note, phone call, email, visit, or helping hand. It's no accident that they often come just when

we need them most. It's simply a friend obeying his God-prompted impulse. How important is it? More than fifty years ago a man had an impulse to fill a five-gallon can with gas and pour it into a seminary student's car. Would you have followed such an unusual impulse? He did, and to this day that little act of kindness toward me is one of my more dramatic answers to prayer and powerful reminders of the importance of following one's good impulses.

When we fail to follow through on that good impulse, it's usually not because we decide not to or don't have the time or resources; in fact, we often decide to do it . . . later, when I get around to it. Solution: set a time, make a plan, predecide (also hanging on my wall). "I'll write that note right after supper, make that phone call at 8:00." Write yourself a reminder note, then, when the time comes, do it. It's that simple.

We all have those good impulses, and it seems to me that, more often than not, Redeemer folks do indeed follow their good impulses. Let's keep up the good work. The serendipity is that following your good impulse brings warmth and light into your life as well, illustrating our Lord's own words, "*It is more blessed to give than to receive.*"

In a word, *Follow your good impulses!*

Muslim Apartment Outreach Launched

Later this month, Redeemer will begin sharing the love of Jesus with local Muslims. Partnering with Refugee Resources of Dallas and Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church, we plan to tutor elementary school children weekly and "adopt" a family at the Shiloh Village Apartments near Eastfield College. It is our fervent prayer and expectation that — just as He did with the young boy's seemingly inadequate loaves and fish — God will powerfully use our genuine and practical expressions of love to draw some of our soon-to-be friends to an eternity of knowing the living God.

Graduating Dallas Seminary student and soon-to-be missionary, **Greg Brown**, is leading this outreach. He and a motivated team are meeting each Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 6:50 PM in room 105 to pray and plan. They invite you to join them on Wednesdays and attend an orientation meeting from 12:00 till



2:00 PM on Sunday, February 10. Prayerfully consider attending the orientation to 1) enjoy a mild, traditional Arabic meal for \$5; 2) witness God's hand reaching out to local Muslims; and 3) see how He might have you serve in this ministry.

"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?" (Romans 10:14)

Annual Meeting Review

Meeting held on Sunday, Jan. 27

Attendance: 143 voting members

The following nominations were approved, as was the 2008 budget:

Board of Elders

- David Higgins
- Paul Ramler

Finance Committee

- John Rack
- Jonathan Tarry

Board of Deacons

- Karen Kennedy
- Jerry Piering
- Bob Porterfield
- Charlie Reibenstein

Nominating Committee

- Brad Hepp
- Karen Shoholm

Getting to Know You: Bob and Shirley Porterfield

Tommy Loveless

Shirley Birkholz was the youngest of three siblings, born to Henry and Henrietta, in Freeport, Illinois. **Bob Porterfield** was the oldest of three siblings, born to Richard and Dorothy, in Watertown, South Dakota. When Shirley was five years old, her family began to move frequently as her dad looked for work in warmer climates. Shirley recalled, "After two years as virtual nomads, we settled in Mercedes, TX. A few years later we bought a large farmhouse in Oak Cliff and converted it into a rooming house for women." At the age of seven, Shirley accepted Jesus as her Savior. At that time, she and her family were active at the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church in Dallas. After Shirley graduated from Adamson High school, the family moved their membership to First Baptist, Dallas, where her parents were on the church staff. Shirley graduated from Draughn's Business College and entered the workforce at 20th Century Fox; later she worked at Sun Oil Company.

Bob and his family farmed rented land in Iowa for five years. Subsequently, they moved and bought farmland near Austin, Minnesota, where they were active in the First Baptist Church. Bob accepted Jesus as his Savior when he was five years old. Upon graduating from Austin High school, he moved to Texas and earned a BBA from the University of North Texas. He worked at International Harvester for one year and then he



accepted a position as Director of Facilities at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas.

Bob fondly related, "Shirley and I met and married at First Baptist Dallas, where we were members for fifteen years." The Porterfields are looking forward to their 40th wedding anniversary on March 22, 2008. Their only child, Teri, works as a graphic designer in the Dallas area. When Teri was still a baby, Bob and Shirley attended the Institute in Basic Youth Conflicts. They would attend five more times and learn principles that became the spiritual watershed of their adult lives.

Bob was recruited to work for Santa Fe Minerals, where he would work for the next fourteen years. While there he also earned his MBA from Amber University. For the past eight years he has served at Cam International (physical campus and human resources). Shirley concentrated on her stay-at-home-mom career, volunteering at all of

Teri's schools, and caring for her mom, who lived with them for ten years.

Bob and Shirley are active in the Berean ABF and Seasoned Saints. They also enjoy many hobbies, and they are very excited about their yearly August RV trip. Last year found them in Port Angeles, Washington, on the Puget Sound. The low temperature there was 42 degrees. Cool!

Bob and Shirley, you're a blessing to us.

Let Your Light So Shine...

Barb Christmas has actively shared Christ's love with thousands of needy people at the Green Oaks psychiatric hospital in Dallas for almost 25 years. As a patient advocate and family counseling

nurse, Barb has done her best to call attention to

the needs of the hurting ... not to herself. Well, in December of last year, her colleagues and patients called attention to her anyway by establishing an annual award in her honor. "The Annual Barbara Christmas Award" annually recognizes the hospital's most compassionate caregiver at an official, year-end ceremony. Deeply encouraged and profoundly moved, Barb presented the award to her first successor two months ago.

Barb, thanks for showing us and the folks at Green Oaks what it means as God's chosen people

Green Oaks Hospital Presents The Annual Barbara Christmas Award
This award is presented to a Green Oaks Employee who encompasses the highest standards in compassion, generosity and patient advocacy.



to live the Colossians 3:12 life — *clothing ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.* Congratulations. We're proud of you.

GriefShare Ministry Resumes February 6, 6:30 PM

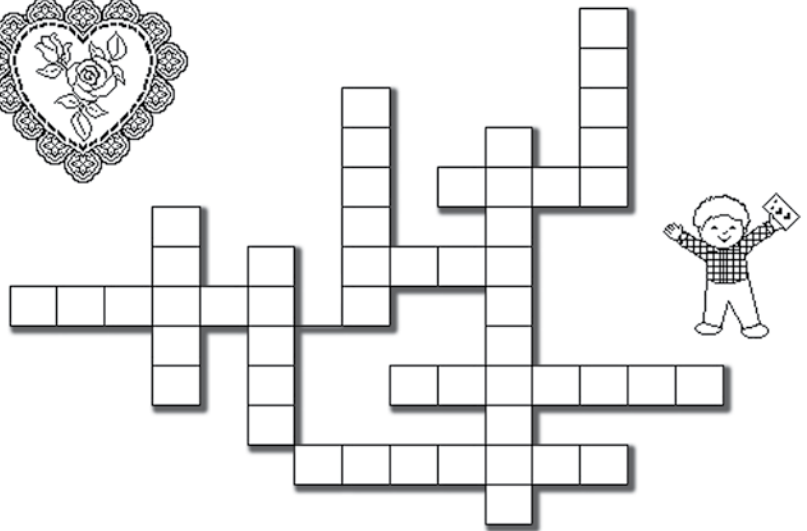
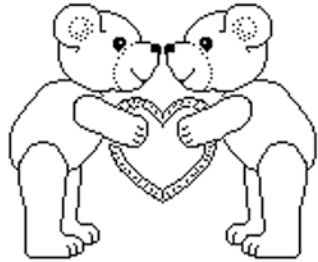
GriefShare is a weekly seminar and support group for all who are grieving the death of someone close to them or who are experiencing a profound loss. It's a safe environment that provides a time to be around others who understand how you feel and the pain of your loss. Each session includes a helpful video seminar featuring top experts on grief and recovery. After the video, you may participate in a small group discussion about what you have seen and how you feel. You will be able to walk your journey with friends who have also experienced loss, learn from them, and share your own experiences. Our GriefShare group is led by **Arch and Kay Oldham**. If you're hurting, this group is an excellent opportunity to heal and find encouragement after grief.



Kids' Corner

Find a spot in the boxes for all the words listed below

- VALENTINES
- HAPPY
- FAMILY
- FLOWERS
- ARROW
- CARD
- FEBRUARY
- CUPID
- LOVE
- FRIENDS



Behind the Curtain

God has blessed Redeemer Bible with a small army of folks who faithfully serve out of the limelight, who lovingly give to others in a way that does not draw attention to themselves, and who help us see the very heart of God. This month, we are privileged to take a peek behind the “ministry curtain” and find the Link mailing crew enjoying themselves while hard at work. The regulars in this ministry are team leader, **Evelyn Ward**, and her husband, **G.W., J. Lon and June Kimbrell**, and **Evelyn Paris**. Assisting them from time-to-time are **Claire and Darlene Clark**, **Carol Eubanks**, **Clarence George**, and **Marie Parkerson**.



After receiving the “Link is ready!” phone call each month, Evelyn gathers her team to label, stamp, seal, and mail each Link by hand. So, by the time the document you are

holding reaches you, more than a dozen hands have lovingly and carefully handled it. These folks are motivated by a desire for you to better see God at work and to keep you connected with the larger church family. They are good at what they do ... and enjoy doing it!

Link mailing crew, your church family thanks God for your faithful, excellent and edifying ministry. You are a profound blessing to us all.

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