

February 2009

Linking us with the ministries of our church

2009 Redeemer Events

February

7 Men's Breakfast
22 Scout Sunday

March

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14 Cookout & Missions
Current Events
15 Missions Sunday
25 Troop 4:8 Court of Honor

April

4 Easter Eggstravaganza
10 Good Friday Service
12 Easter

May

10 High School Graduation
Celebration
17 Kids Scripture Memory
Sunday
20 Last Midweek Meeting
31 Tenth Anniversary
Celebration

June

6-20 Geiger Island Family
Camp

July

5 Patriotic Evening
Service & Ice Cream
Social
13-18 Vacation Bible School
19-25 Troop 4:8 Scout Camp

August

1-9 Hungary Mission Trip

Men's Breakfast on February 7

Men, join us for breakfast in the fellowship hall on February 7, at 8:00 AM. Sign up on the preceding Sunday or call the church office.

Redeemer Members in Media

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others..." (1 Peter 4:10)

Several media professionals in our church use their creative gifts to serve others through media such as television, radio, art, graphic design, multimedia and animation. The diversity of their training ranges from formal degrees to on-the-job-experience, but each one works with passion and artistic integrity. Each has contributed to Redeemer by using their skills to serve our church.

Some, such as **Sharon Geiger** and **Don Regier**, apply their creativity in the parachurch realm, encouraging believers in their faith and informing their Christian worldview. For thirty-six years, Don has worked at Dallas Theological Seminary in the area of audiovisual communications. His passion has been to minister through art and technology. He has created innumerable multimedia presentations for the seminary and guided thousands of students in the development of audiovisual support for their ministries.

You can hear radio journalist, Sharon Geiger, on FM 90.9 KCBI. Sharon has worked in radio since 1982. She says, "I endeavor to produce stories that carry eternal impact in a way that glorifies Him. I'm often inspired by the people and ministries I have the opportunity to highlight, and I'm amazed at how God is working through every aspect of local, national and world affairs."

Other Redeemer media professionals are called to be competent and creative witnesses in a secular workplace. **John Sparks**

began his career in broadcast television in 1969. Since then, he has been an executive producer and managing editor at each of the three major network affiliates in the DFW area. John's passion has been to be a catalyst for positive social change.

This past September, **Brad Regier** was hired by an animation company in New Jersey to work on a special project for Sesame Street. Some of Brad's ten fellow animators have contributed to feature-length animated films and all of them trained online with industry professionals. You can see some of Brad's work at www.bradregier.com

Other extremely talented professionals in our church use their artistic skills on canvas or print. **Sarah King's** artwork can be seen all around Redeemer. Like Don Regier, Sarah taught art for many years. Sarah began her career as a teenager and took private lessons for a long time. She uses her art to interpret the story of God's glory in vivid colors. You can see more of Sarah's art at

her studio in Garland.

Since 1994, **Brad Hepp** has worked at Millet the Printer, where he prepares artists' materials for press. He also develops Web sites, blogs, email campaigns and newsletter layout for several small-to-mid-size companies and organizations. Brad also serves Redeemer by preparing the *LINK* each month.

AJ Geiger has been encouraged to pursue his passion for art. Quirky illustrations like this one landed him a place on his high school animation team.



In a Word

You can make a difference

Don Geiger, Senior Pastor

Recently I read about a man who was despondent because his life was filled with little things that didn't seem to matter, so he and his wife went to the beach for a few days to try to relax and regain perspective. After a stormy night he took an early morning walk on the beach, only to find it covered with starfish washed up by the storm. Picking his way, he came upon a young boy who was picking up the starfish, one at a time, and returning them to the ocean. "Why are you doing that? Can't you see you'll never get all those starfish back in the water before they dry out and die?" he asked the boy. "Yes, that's true," the boy sighed as he picked up another fish and tossed it into the water. "But I sure made a difference with that one!"

Let's face it, most of our lives are filled with the dullness of little things that don't seem to matter very much. It's all too easy to become discouraged, thinking we aren't making much of a difference in a desperately needy world. The encouraging truth is that the seemingly little things often make a very big difference in someone's life. You are important in God's scheme of things, probably more than you think, and you can make a difference.

Remember when a friend's word of encouragement brightened your dark day, when a note or even a smile and hug put

you back on track? Just how important is it that those cute babies in the church nursery get the special loving care you enjoy giving? To a young couple wondering whether this is the church for them, the care you gave their child is far more important than the solo or the sermon! You can and do make a difference! (Incidentally we need more one-hour-each-month volunteers.)

A *Wall Street Journal* editorial asked, "How important are you?" The answer the editor gave was downright biblical: "More important than you think. A rooster minus a hen equals no baby chicks. Kellogg minus a farmer equals no corn flakes. If the nail factory closes, what good is the hammer factory? Paderewski's genius wouldn't have amounted to much if the piano tuner had not shown up. A cracker maker does better if there is a cheese maker. The most skilled surgeon needs the ambulance driver who delivers the patient. Just as Rogers needed Hammerstein, you need someone, and someone needs you."

When the pipe bursts and your house floods, would you rather see the preacher at your door, or the plumber? For someone today and every day, your love, expressed in any number of ways, is the most important event of the day, or even the week. (Incidentally if you're looking for new ways to share your love and make a difference, give **Kristen** or any pastor a call.)

Peter put it best, "Each one should use *whatever* gift he [or she] has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms" (1 Peter 4:10).

That boy didn't save all the starfish on the beach, but he certainly made a big difference in the lives of a few. And so can you and I.

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

Exceeding Expectations

Through the recent launch (Jan. 18) of our Young Adults Bible Fellowship God is reminding us anew that He is able — and willing! — to do more than we can ask or imagine. Ten were expected, twenty-eight came ... 28! Reflecting on that first meeting, **Laramie Sage** said, "I was surprised how many people were there! And I was really glad to learn there are other people my age who I can become friends with." Laramie added that she thinks this ABF will be a good outreach for people in their twenties due, in part, to the warmth of the group. **Jenny Escobar** commented, "There was *such* a good atmosphere and sense of

excitement. Everyone seemed to click so well." "Friendly" and "comfortable" were the first two words that jumped into Michael Wade's mind as he reflected on the feel of the group.

Atmosphere was not the only group dynamic that made a favorable impression. **Daniel Ice's** teaching did as well. Remembering Daniel's introduction to the book of *Matthew*, Laramie said, "Daniel has a good way of teaching. He makes us dig deeply and think." Michael added: "I'm really looking forward to this study."

After church more than half of the group gathered around



some homemade chili and enjoyed getting to know each other even better. Reflecting on both the morning and afternoon times together, Daniel said excitedly, "I'm so encouraged. Our group seems to have the potential to be so much more than a class. It looks like God may be working to provide real fellowship as well." More than we can ask or imagine, indeed.

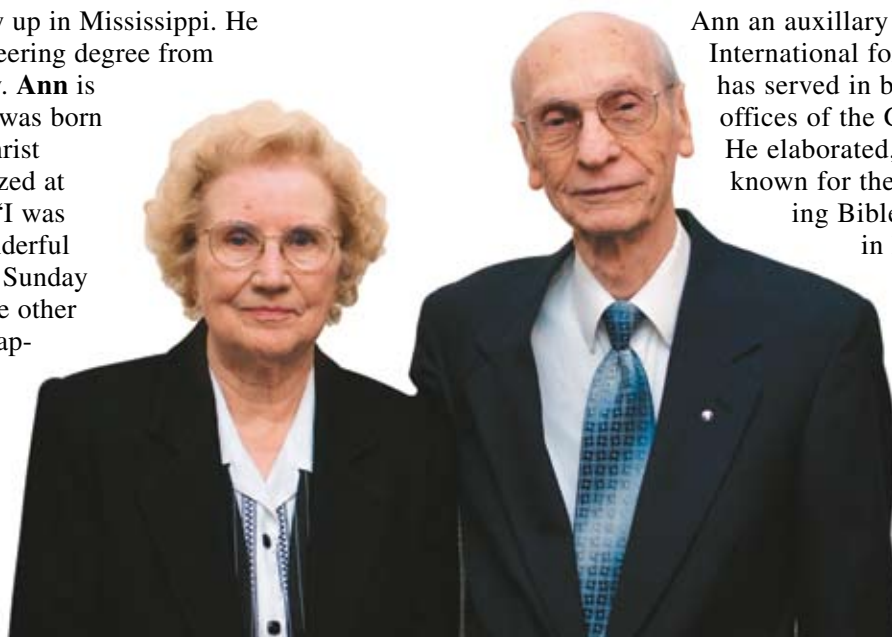
Getting to Know You: John and Ann Gibson

Tommie Loveless

John was born and grew up in Mississippi. He received an electrical engineering degree from Mississippi State University. **Ann** is from Tennessee, where she was born and reared. She received Christ as her Savior and was baptized at an early age. She recalled, "I was greatly influenced by a wonderful Christian lady who was my Sunday school teacher." John, on the other hand, was born again and baptized as an adult.

John and Ann met and married in Dallas. They were blessed with three daughters and four grandsons. Two daughters and their families live nearby in North Richland Hills, while the other family lives in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Ann shared, "One of our favorite things is to spend time with our grandsons. We look forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas every year, when our families get together to share a meal and visit."

John was employed and specialized as an aircraft and aerospace engineer with several companies, including E-Systems in Greenville, until his retirement. Ann has always been a full-time homemaker. John has been a member and



Ann an auxiliary member of Gideons International for thirty years. John has served in both the state and local offices of the Gideons during this time. He elaborated, "The Gideons are best known for their ministry of distributing Bibles and New Testaments in hotels, hospitals, schools, colleges, jails, and prisons. Last year the organization gave 75 million Scriptures in the United States and in 180 countries around the world." He continued, "The Auxiliary gives Scriptures (which include Bibles and New Testaments) to hospital personnel,

physicians, and dentists. It has been a calling from the Lord for us, and we count it a privilege to serve with them."

John and Ann came to Redeemer shortly after the church was formed. They both agreed that they feel very blessed by the friendships and activities they enjoy at the church. They are also members of the Koinonia Adult Bible Fellowship.

John and Ann, it is great to get to know you and worship with you at Redeemer.

Annual Meeting Review

Our annual meeting was held on Sunday, January 25 with 140 voting members in attendance. **The following nominations were approved, as was the 2009 budget:**

Board of Elders

- Larry Foster
- John Rack
- John Sparks

Finance Committee

- Bob Kollmansberger
- Arch Oldham
- Martie Syms

Board of Deacons

- Jim Raikes

Finance committee chairman **John Rack** reported that the interest rate on our mortgage has been reduced from 7% to 5.25%, resulting in a monthly interest savings of \$1400, which will be applied to the principal. John also encouraged members to continue or begin contributing at least \$10 each month to further reduce the principal. To date these additional gifts have reduced the mortgage by \$110,269.

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January Baptisms

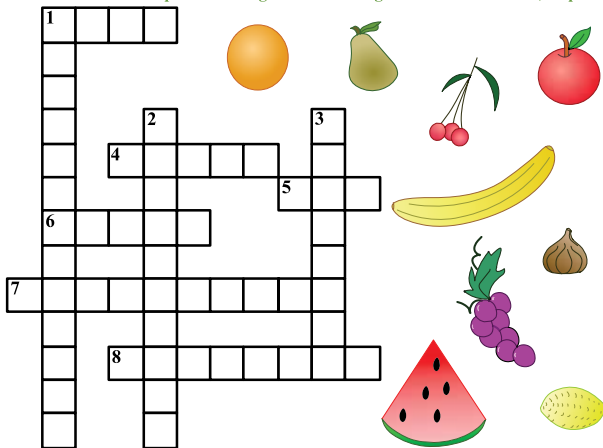


On January 18, we were blessed by the baptism of **John Barbre, Brian Mason, Regan Piering and Blaine Piering**

Kids' Corner

Fruit of the Spirit

For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth; ~Eph 5:9



ACROSS

- 1 Defined in I Corinthians 13
- 4 Rest, quietness
- 5 Delight, cheerfulness
- 6 The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ~Heb 11:1
- 7 Self-control
- 8 Humility

DOWN

- 1 Patient
- 2 Moral excellence of character; kindness
- 3 The quality of being beneficial; kindness

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Kids, fill this out and take it to Miss Kristen for a small prize!

Behind the Curtain

Ela Macdowell is another in the Redeemer family who cheerfully and faithfully works behind the scenes to make things happen. Volunteering in the office one day per week, Ela performs a host of secretarial-type functions like answering phones, making copies, tracking attendance, and editing correspondence. When asked why she gravitated to this type of ministry, Ela said with sparkling intensity, "Well, I was coming to the church and felt like I should engage in a service project. And, I don't know how to do much else!" Over the course of her career Ela served in a number of secretarial capacities, including Secretary for the Texas Attorney



General, Reinhardt Bible Church Secretary, and Secretary to the President at Dallas Theological Seminary. A lover of God, people, and words, Ela truly has a secretary's heart. When asked what she likes about her ministry at Redeemer, Ela responded, "I really enjoy the atmosphere in the office and each and every person I work with. I may not be the most efficient office worker these days, but I enjoy a sense of purpose in my service there." Ela, thank you for doing your part to help Redeemer fulfill its mission: to glorify God, build each other up in love, and reach out to nonbelievers to win them to Christ. You are an encouragement to us all.

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